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INTRODUCTION.

THIS old Minute and Account Book of Hartlebury Grammar School was found in the iron chest belonging to the Governors which stands in the Vestry of the Parish Church, along with the original Charter granted to the School by Queen Elizabeth, the Seal of the Corporation of Governors, and many old documents.

The Book it may be said is only an old account book, and therefore of little interest. But it is more than that—it contains the history of one of the oldest Grammar Schools in England, from the days of Queen Mary (1556) to those of George II. (1750). It tells us how our ancestors managed or mismanaged village education 300 years ago—without the aid of Inspectors or County Councils or Boards of Education.

No one knows the age of the School.

The Bishops of Worcester have resided at Hartlebury Castle for 800 years. It is more than likely, therefore, that one of them was the founder of the School. It may have been Bishop Carpenter (1444), who lived for 35 years at Hartlebury and was one of the most munificent of the Bishops; or Bishop Alcock (1477), the Founder of Jesus College, Cambridge. We cannot say for certain, but one of the title-deeds dates from 1480[1], and the Charter of 1558 speaks of the School as having existed "for the space of divers "years, although for default of necessary foundation & good "government, it hath brought but small commodity."

Queen Elizabeth did not therefore found the School, she only remodelled it, and, at the advice of Edwin Sandys, Bishop of Worcester, gave it Statutes and a Charter.

The titles of the property of the School throw some light on the matter. A large portion of the land is named "Virgin Marys," and another portion "Chaunters Medowe."

Now in 1325 a Chantry was founded in Hartlebury Church "in remembrance of the souls of John de Rodeberewe, Rector,

[1] See Appendix II.

"his father and mother, and in honour of the B.V.M." This John of Rodborough, in Gloucestershire, is frequently mentioned in Bishop Giffard's Register, and was Rector of Hartlebury for thirty years (1290—1320). He was much employed and trusted by the Bishop, and was one of the Executors of his will. The Chantry was endowed with land in Hartlebury and the neighbourhood. The income went to support a chaplain, until the Reformation, when the land, we cannot doubt, was given to the Grammar School. Some of it has been lost, but the Governors still own "Virgin Marys" and "The Chantry Meadow," and have documents as old as the reign of Edward IV.[1]

The Seal of the Governors, which bears the date of 1560, has roughly engraved on it the figures of the Virgin and Child; perhaps adopted as the emblem of the School because its chief endowment came from the suppressed Chantry of St. Mary.

The Seal itself is curious—an impression of it is kept in the British Museum. It bears marks of frequent use, although it has been only three times used in the Order Book, and there is a mention in 1686 of its repair, *thus*, "mendynge seale 4*d*." Beside it was found a rough handle of wood to facilitate its use[1].

THE OLD ORDER BOOK (12 × 8 in.) is bound in limp parchment, with quaint leather tags. The writing varies from excellent to very bad, but it is never wholly illegible.

THE SPELLING is amusingly erratic. For example, the word heriot is spelt in the following ways: herret, harriott, harriot, harriate, haryette, hereyot, herriott, and haryote!

One of the Governors spells his own name in *fifteen* different ways:—

Thus, Alan Ley,	Allen Lye,	Allan Lye,
Allan Leygh,	Allen Ley,	Allan Leigh,
Alin Leigh,	Allin Leigh,	Alaine Lygh,
Alaine Ligh,	Alain Lygh,	Allayn Lye,
Allain Lye,	Allaine Lighe,	Allen Liy.

This gentleman was evidently perfectly indifferent as to how his name was spelt. The one thing he aimed at was variety.

[1] See illustrations on page opposite.

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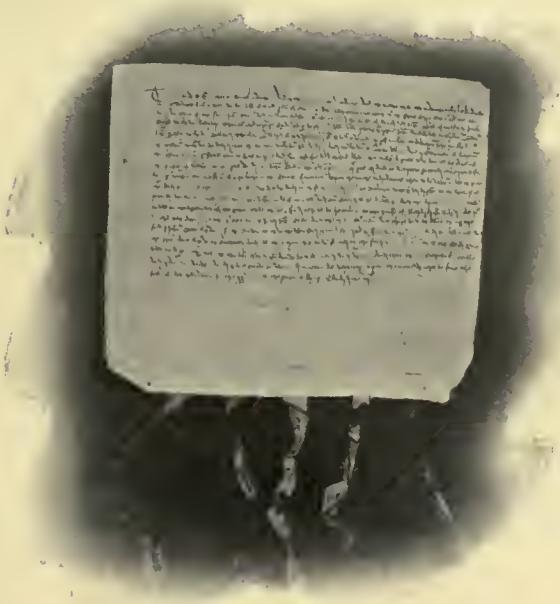
The Old Seal.

Stick shewing manner of usage.



Vignette of Title Deed of Tinnfields, date 1480.

Here are a few choice specimens of spelling taken almost at random :—

coolecktor	*collector*
sertivicat	*certificate*
ach wendsdaie	*Ash Wednesday*
Srof twesday	*Shrove Tuesday*
Mychlmes	*Michaelmas*
ester	*Easter*
ffermor	*farmer*
a dele borde	*a deal board*
a cay for the skowlle dore	*a key for the school door*
chertche	*church*
sepeuny	*subpoena*

We presume that English spelling had hardly crystallized into its present unhappy forms.

The person who did most for the refounding and good management of the School was EDWIN SANDYS[1], Bishop of Worcester, afterwards Archbishop of York.

He obtained the Royal Charter[2] and drew up the Statutes[3]. He arranged that everything should be under the control of the Bishop. The Governors were to meet when and where the Bishop pleased, and were to grant no leases without his consent. The Masters were to work entirely under his direction[4].

He loved education, and in after years founded a Grammar School at Hawkshead in Cumberland, his native place. And he held that true education is moral as well as mental, and that morality is inseparable from religion. So he desired that the Masters should "instructe, teache, and bringe vppe their scholars as well "in vertue and good learninge" as in "the true knowledge of God "and his holie word." And there was wisdom as well as beauty in his enactments, for he ordered that the scholars should be taught according to their capacities and wits, and not pushed up from standard to standard—however slow or backward—not crammed

[1] A portrait of him is given opposite p. 11. See also Appendix III.

[2] See Appendix I.

[3] See p. 198.

[4] The Bishop is no longer the Visitor of the school. At present he is not even a Governor.

with undigested knowledge, but "accordinge as the capacities and "witts of the said scholars shall require and aske."

He did not believe in secular education.

The VIth of his STATUTES is quaint.

"The said scholemaster and usher shall and may have use and take the profitts of all such *cockefights and potations as be commonlie used in scholes*[1]"!

Such were the recreations of Hartlebury scholars under the sanction of the Bishop of Worcester! Yet the elevating sport of cock-fighting was still fashionable in the 19th century, as the following extract from Berrow's Worcester Journal shows:—"July 5, 1804. "A main of cocks to be fought at the house of Mr John Lloyd, "known by the name of the Pheasant, in New S^t, in the City of "Worcester, between the *Gentlemen* of Worcestershire and the "*Gentlemen* of Staffordshire; to show and weigh 35 cocks on each "side, in the main, for five guineas a battle, and fifty guineas the "odd battle. To fight on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, "being the three race days. Feeders: Potter for Worcestershire, "Gosling for Staffordshire."

If any of the Governors wilfully broke or infringed any of the statutes he was to forfeit, for his first offence three shillings and fourpence, and for his second offence to be put out of the Corporation and Government.

The ENDOWMENT of the School was not large. In 1557 the total Income was only £9 0*s.* 10*d.*, and a year or two afterwards it sank to £7 7*s.* 5½*d.* Out of this the unfortunate Schoolmaster, the Rev. Hugh Grant, received a stipend of £7. A chief rent of 12*d.* was paid to the "Lord busshope." The repairs of the property for that year amounted to 1½*d.*, and "so remayneth in "stocke, all charge discharged four shillings and fourpence"!

Things had reached a low ebb. So the Governors made an effort.

They sold an old cracked bell which probably belonged to the

[1] The Rev. J. B. Wilson mentions a similar performance in his time at Giggleswick school; combined with a distribution of figs, which were scrambled for, and with which unpopular governors or masters were pelted.

School, but must have hung in the Church steeple, being too big for any other position, and as it realized the large sum of £25 it enabled them to pay the Master a rather better salary and to do many needful repairs.

The Income of the School remained at about £13 until 1621 when the rents were raised to £20. It remained at the same figure for years, till the Commissioners for Charitable uses interfered; the rents were again raised, and the Income of the School was more than doubled. There was a further rise after about 70 years, and when the Book ends the income of the School stood at £65.

The Head Master did not receive more than £14 a year until 1654, when by order of the Commissioners his salary was raised to £32. A slight rise to £36 was given in 1728.

The usher's salary began at £4 a year and was advanced by very slow stages to £14, and at last it reached the noble sum of £18. We hope he had some other resources!

THE MANAGEMENT of the School property seems to have been uncommonly bad.

The lands were always underlet and the Governors never willingly raised the rents. From time to time they were compelled to do so. They were called before a Commission for Charitable uses in 1620, and again during the Commonwealth, and on each occasion the income of the school was improved by better management and the Masters were better paid.

But this did not last. In 1700 Bishop Lloyd appeared upon the scene and *visited* them. He attended two of their meetings accompanied by his Secretary, Francis Evans, who took the minutes, and sometime afterwards he wrote them the following sharp letter:—

"To the Governors of Hartlebury Schoole.

"13 Aug., 1705.

"My Good Friends and Neighbors,

"I have thoroughly considered the case of yor school, and find "that the real value of the school land is above £100 per annum, "of wch the reserved rent is but £51 8*s.* 7*d.*, out of wch yor Schoolm^r^ "has £32 and yor usher £12; the remainder is applyed to pay the

"Interest of ye money borrowed to build the Master's house and "to finish that building, as I presume.

"These salaries being not sufficient to invite men of ability to "instruct yor children, I think therefore you ought to be very "cautious in renewing of Leases; and if I understand yor Statutes, "you ought not to grant any Lease without the Bishop's consent. "I think to enquire farther into that matter, and in the meanwhile "I do advise you not to renew any Lease without reserving at least "two thirds in rent of ye real improved value, to com'ence at the "expirac'on of the term in being, if not sooner. If you do so, you "will by degrees bring the Rents to above £70 per annum; of w^{ch} "I think the Master ought to have £40 and the usher £20 at least; "and £10 more with the consent of the Bishop, Governours, and "Schoolmasters, may be applyed to teach poor children in the "Parish to read, wch is now to be done by the Usher or not at all.

"I do not very well approve of yor Statutes, and think they "were drawn very negligently. But I desire to have a true copy "of the Charter, and the Statutes, and of a Decree y^{t} was made "on a Com'ission for Pious Uses, and then I will at my first "oportunity advise how such fresh Statutes may be made, as "may be of the greatest advantage and benefit to you and yor "posterity.

"I am told yor school is like to be void in a short time. "W^{n}ever it is so, I would advise you to lay aside all yor private "Interests and piques, and to agree together to choose the best "man that you can find or hear of, I mean such a man as is like "to doe the most good in yor school.

"I think you cannot well justify the spending of any of the "school revenue in yor meetings about ye school business; especially "since you all live within the Parish, where you have meat and "drink at yor own Houses; so that, for that, you need not go to "an Alehouse. And when you meet for business, I think it ought "to be either in the Church or Schoolhouse, where it may be done "much better than at an Alehouse. There especially is the worst "place for making up of yor Accounts: tho' I am afraid you make "them all there, for I cannot imagine how they should be done so "slatterly otherwise. I speak thus particularly of the Accounts that "have been given of the building of the Schoolmaster's house. If "you will make me think it necessary to look farther into these

"matters, and I see no other way to do the Charity right, but by "a Com'ission of Pious and Charitable Uses, I shall be sorry for it "as wel for yor sakes as my own; for it will be expensive and "troublesome to all parties concerned. I doe therefore desire you "so to order yor matters for the future that there may be no "occasion for this.

"I com'end you to God in my Prayers, and remain

"Yo^r loving Friend,

"W. Worcester."

The Bishop's reproof seems to have been needed, for the amount spent in "drincke" was very considerable. There was also much slackness in keeping up the required number of Governors. No doubt it was difficult at times to find 20 "discrete and hable persons" in the Parish of sufficient education to act as Governors. Some of those chosen were not able to sign their names. Upon one occasion the number was reduced to five, and in 1715 to *one!* The Rector, Dean Stillingfleet, found himself the sole legal Governor. However, he rose to the occasion and made the most of his opportunities, for he first appointed a new School Master, and then nominated 19 other Governors! A noteable instance of *one man management.*

There was not much SCHOOL APPARATUS in the early days. This is the Inventory in 1585. It is refreshingly simple:—

"The goods of the Schole.

"*Imprimis.* One brass pott with one linke.
"*Item.* One payer of andirons.
"*Item.* Two peeces of pewter.
"*Item.* One table in the hall, 3 formes, 6 benches.
"*Item.* One press in the iner chamber."

No mention is ever made in the accounts of any purchase of BOOKS, but we may infer that some did belong to the School, for in 1694 five shillings were spent in "chaines for bookes," and in 1695 a chain was bought for a "dixnary."

Probably the tenants supplied the school with firewood, as there is frequent mention of 'drincke' to them that carried or cropped

wood. No coals were bought until 1632, when half-a-crown was paid for "two horselode of coles." The supply of fuel was at all times strictly limited.

We may believe that there was a certain amount of playfulness among the scholars, for the windows and locks were broken with great regularity, and at last it was found best to contract for "glashing the windowes," and pay a yearly sum of 6*s.* for their repair.

The Governors were required by statute to meet on Ash Wednesday to transact the business of the year. It was their custom to dine together on that day. "1624, Item payd for our Din'er on Ashwenesday ii*s.*;" or if they did not dine they had some refreshment.

"payd for Bear last Ashwednesday 4*s.* 6*d.*," "for spice 4*d.*," "for bread and drinke 1*s.*," &c.

But in 1709 they passed this Resolution:—

"Whereas we the Governers of the free Gramother scole in "hartelbury conceiving it not soe proper or convenient to take the "Acc^ts of the revenues of the s^d scole on Ach Wendsday yearely "doe thinke fit & soe order that for the future the s^d Acc^ts shall "be taken yearly on sroftwesday."

Perhaps pancakes were added to the feast on Shrove Tuesday! However the change of day did not give satisfaction. It was pointed out that it was against the statutes. They went back to the old custom—"1745; for diner and drinke on Ashwensday £1."

It is interesting to come across the great name of RICHARD BAXTER in the minutes[1], although it is but a passing mention of him, as "mynister of Kitterminster," as also the names of Bishop Prideaux, Bishop Hough and other distinguished men.

The HOMELINESS and simplicity of some of the entries are pleasant and entertaining:—

"To my grandfather for a boxe."

"To Joe and Dad for hernest."

"To Mr Marshall *towards his being sick.*"

And every one will have sympathy with this entry:—

"Item, for *sumthing unaccounted for* the last year ii*s.* 4*d.*"

[1] p. 75.

To those who take an interest in prices and wages the school accounts, and specially the accounts for building, will be valuable[1].

The HISTORY of the School for some time after 1751, when the Old Order Book comes to an end, is a blank. Volume II. has been lost. It was bought in 1749 for 9*s.* 6*d.*, was used and was in evidence in 1841, but we have searched for it in vain.

We learn, however, from the Report of the Charity Commissioners, who visited the school in 1832, that the old school, which stood between the church and the high road, was pulled down, and a new school built on the present site in 1794. It cost £350, and cannot be matched for ugliness. The old site was bought by Bishop Hurd and was added to the churchyard.

The under Master's house was rebuilt about the same time, and the Head Master's house greatly enlarged. This enabled him to take boarders; and it is said that as many as 40 were at one time crammed into his house.

Meanwhile the affairs of the school continued to be sadly mismanaged—the Masters complained loudly of the smallness of their salaries, and in 1815 the Tenants met and actually agreed among themselves to *raise* their own rents! But in spite of this self-denying ordinance, matters were so unsatisfactory that the Attorney-General interfered. The school was thrown into Chancery, the Masters resigned, and the buildings were empty and neglected for no less than *eleven* years! The Court of Chancery took from 1841 to 1852 to consider its opinion, and it is said that no less a sum than £1,500 of school money was spent in legal charges.

Brighter days succeeded, and since its re-opening in 1852 the old school has renewed its youth. A good deal has been done to bring it up to date, as appears from a Report upon the Grammar Schools of Worcestershire by Dr. Rawson, Director of Education for the County, in which the following appreciatory notice of Hartlebury appears.

"This school is in a thoroughly efficient state, and I believe a further expenditure on buildings, which could be provided at a reasonable cost, would be justified and justifiable."

[1] See Appendix IV.

Let us hope that Hartlebury Grammar school has a fine career before it, and that it may continue to train up many more generations of honest and manly boys, "as well in vertue and good learning, as in the true knowledge of God and his holie word."

I acknowledge with much gratitude the help I have received from the Very Rev. the Dean of Stamford, the Rev. J. Bowstead Wilson, John Amphlett, Esq., the Rev. Rowland Wilson, E. W. Hopewell, Esq., the Rev. J. R. Burton, and other kind friends.

D. R.

HARTLEBURY RECTORY,
Oct., 1904.

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In this booke is conteigned the p'ticulers of all and singuler the landes, tenements and heredi'ments belonging and used to the mayntenince of the fre schole of hartilbury, with the yerely value of the same, and also the accompts yerely of the collectors of the same rents begonne in the yere of oure lord God a thousand five hu'dreth fyftie and sixe

p' me Johēm harward
collectorem p' hoc Anno.

THE FORME OF THE OTHE[1] YERELY TO BE MYNYSTRED AND GEVEN TO THE NEWE COLLECTORS AT THE TYME OF THEIR ELECTION—

Ye shall well and trewly doe yor best indevo^{r} to collect and gather all the Rents, Customes and service, issues, revenues and profits belonging and used for the Maynten'ce of the Scole of this p'ish, and to make a trewe accompte and undelayed payment of all that you shall receive of the said Rents and profitts when you shall be called upon by the governors or the more nombre of them. And that duryng the tyme of yor office you shall doe no man^{r} of acte or acte thing or things wthout the com'on assent of the governors or the more nombre of them w^{h} in any wise shall be or growe to the discomoditie, losse or hynderance of the said Scole, but wth all yor witt, con'yng, diligence and power shall defend the possessions, Ryghts and inheritance now used for the maynten'ce of the said Scole. And that you shall suffer noe waste, incrochement or other disherison by any p'son (that youe may lett) to be donne in and upon the said possessions or any p'te thereof, but the same (if any such shalbe) wth all co'venient spede shall disclose to the whole governors or the more nombre of them, to the intent the same wth all spede may be reformed So helpe you God and by the holy contents of that booke.

[1] Another form of Oath, differing from this, is inserted at the end of the Book, in old and in modern English.

1557. THE ACCOMPTE of John Walker and William Norton, Collectors of the Rents and Revenues of all the Landes and Tenements belonging to the Scole of Hartilbury, from the feast of the Annuciac'on of o^r Lady the Virgyn in the yere of o^r lord god a thousand fyve hundreth fyftie and seven for one whole yere next after ended at the feast of the An'uciac'on of o^r Lady 1558. Made upo' Palme Sondaye the same yere.

Recepts. IN PRIMIS Receyvid of Redy Money in the boxe xxxv*s.* viii*d. ob.*

It'm of Thomas Smyth of Elmeley lovett for one yeres rent for a messuage and certen landes there callid Gerves place endid at Mighellm's last ii*s. ob.*

It'm of Elizabeth Sowden and John Lyrcoke for a messuage and a yarde-land lyeing by Stowres syde in the p'rish of Hartilbury called P'cheyes Land one yeres rent endid at the said feaste ii*s. ob.*

It'm of Will'm Man'ynge for a messuage and yarde land lyeing in Whittlinge and yeres rente due at the said feaste xii*s.*

It'm of Thomas Smythe of Hartilbury for foure butt of land in the quarrey fild one yeres rente due at the said feaste ii*d.*

It'm of Will'm Thorne for an acre of land lyeing in the Spowtefild one yeres rente endid at the said feaste iii*d.*

It'm of John Thorne of Whitlinge & ffraunce Dudmason for one yarde land called Tynnefilde one yeres rent due at the said feaste xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of John Man'ynge of Whitlinge for a messuage & yarde land lyeing in Whitlinge one yeres rent endid at the said feaste xii*s.*

It'm of John Highwaye of Ruschocke for a messuage & certen landes lyeing in Ruschocke one yeres rent due at the said feaste xi*s.*

It'm of ffraunce Walter of Kytherminst'r for a howse & a burgage[1] in Kytherm'r in Worst'r strete one yeres rent due at the said feaste vi*s.* viii*d.*

[1] Tenure of land or houses in a borough. The word is still used in Lichfield and other towns.

It'm of John Hopkins & ffraunce Thorne for one medowe lyeing by Stowres syde called Chaunters Medowe one yeres rent due at the said feaste xi*s.*

It'm of Fraunce Best & Thomas Best for one Leasowe[1] & two medowes lieing together in Elmeley called the baseground[2] one yeres rent endid at the feaste of the Purificac'on of our Lady the Virgyn last past xliii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of Anthony Hareward for one mess'e and a yard land called the Inne at Croyseland[3], and one mess'e and halfe yard land called Rowles one yeres rent endid at x'x'enmas last xxvi*s.* viii*d.*

SUM' TOTALLIS ix*li.* x*d.*

Alloc.[4] Memorand'm the scolem^r^ this yere had the scolehouse and the closse garden and orchard adioynyng to his owne use.

1557. PAYMENTS MADE by the said collectors the said yere 1557. In Primis

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[Two pages have been torn out.]

1559[5]. Hartilbury. THE ACOMPTE of Thomas Walker and John Hopkins, collectors of the Rents of the ffre Gram'er Schole of Quene Elizabethe in Hartilburie, fro' the feast of the purificac'on of blessyd Marie the Virgin in the year of o'r Lord God 1559, untyll the feast of the purificac'on of o'r Ladie in the yere of o^r^ lord 1560, v'z p' uno An'o integio.

Recepts. Inprimis Recevyd of Anthony Hareward one q'ter's Rent due at the feast of the An'nciac'on of blessid Marie the Virgin vi*s.* viii*d.*

[1] The local name for a field.

[2] There is a farm in Elmley Lovett called Bassage, and near it the Base estate which still belongs to the school.

[3] Now 'The Talbot,' commonly called 'The Dog.'

[4] Allocated.

[5] See end of book for names of Governors in 1559.

It'm of John Man'ynge of Whitlinge one halfe yeres Rente due at the same day vi*s.*

It'm of Will'm Man'ynge one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day vi*s.* ii*d.*

It'm of John Hopkyns one halfe yere's Rent due at the same day ii*s.* ix*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Thorne one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day ii*s.* ix*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Walker of Kedermy'st^{r} one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of John Highway of Russhoke one halfe yere's Rent due at the same day v*s.* vi*d.*

It'm of Thom's Smithe of Elmley lovet one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of John Thorne one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Skyler one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iiii*d.*

Recepts. It'm Rec^{d} of Anthony Hareward one q'ters Rent due at the feast of St John Baptiste vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Best one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day x*s.* x*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Best one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day x*s.* x*d.*

Recepts. It'm recevyd of Anthony Hareward one yeres Rent due at the feaste of Saynt Myghell th'archa'gell vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Man'ynge of Whitelynge one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day vi*s.*

Recepts. It'm rec^{d} of Will'm Man'ynge one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day vi*s.* ii*d.*

It'm of John Hopkyns one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day ii*s.* ix*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Thorne one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day ii*s.* ix*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Walker one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iv*d.*

It'm of John Hyghway one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day v*s.* vi*d.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iv*d.*

It'm of ffranu's Skyler one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day iii*s.* iv*d.*

It'm of John Lircock and John Perks one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day ii*s.* *ob.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe of Hartilbury one whole yeres Rent due at the same day ii*d.*

It'm of Will'm Thorne one whole yeres Rent due at the same day iii*d.*

Recepts. It'm Rec'vid of Anthony Hareward one q'ter Rent due at the feast of the Nativitie of O^r^ Lord Christ vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Best one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day x*s.* x*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Best one halfe yeres Rent due at the same day x*s.* x*d.*

THE WHOLE SOME OF THE RECE'PTS vii*li.* v*s.* v*d.* *ob.*

PAYMENTS MADE by the said Collectors the said yere 1559.

Payments. It'm paid to Hughe Graunte Mast^r^ of Arte Schole Mast^r^ there that yere vii*li.*

It'm paid to the Lord busshope for one yeres Rent for the scholehouse xii*d.*

It'm paid for mendynge the hedge aboute the scholehouse close i*d.* *ob.*

THE WHOLE SOME OF THE PAYMENTS vii*li.* xiii*d.* *ob.*

Remayn'nte. So Remay'the in stocke all chargs dischardgyd iiii*s.* iiii*d.*

1560. *Hartilbury.* THE ACCOMPT of John Hopkyns and Walter Donne, collectors of the Rents of the ffre Gramer Schole of Quene Elizabeth in Hartilbury, fro' the feast of the purificac'on of blessed Marie the Virgyn in the yere of o^r^ Lord God 1560 untyll the said feast of the purificac'on of o^r^ Ladie in the yere of o^r^ Lord God 1561, v'z p'uno Anno integro.

Recepts. Inp'mis Recevid of Thom's Walker collecto^{r} the yere before iiii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm Receivid of Anthony Hareward one yeres Rent due at the feast of the Nativitie of o^{r} Lord Christ last past for one mess'^{ge} & halfe yard land callyd Croysland & one Goste & halfe yard land called Rowleys & other p'cies of medowe in the seid p'ysh of Hartilbury xxvi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Man'ynge of Whitlynge for a mess' & yard land leynge in Whitelynge one yeres Rent endid at the feast of St Mygell the Archangell last past xii*s.*

It'm of Will'm Man'ynge for a mesuage & yard land lyenge in Whitelynge one yeres Rent due at the seid feast xii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of John Hopkyns and ffraunc's Thorne for one medowe lienge by Stowre Syde callyd Chaunters Medowe one yeres Rent due at the said feast xi*s.*

It'm of ffranc's Styler and Margaret Thorne widowe for a yard land callyd tynne fylde one yeres Rent endyd at the said feaste xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of John Best and ffraunc's Best for one lesowe & two medowes liyng together in Elmley lovet callyd the Base grou'd one yeres Rent endyd at the feast of the purificac'on of o^{r} lady the Virgyn last past xliii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Walker of Kethermy'st^{r} for a house & burgage in Ked'rmy'st^{r} one yeres Rent endid at the feast of St Mighell th'archa'gell last past vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe of Elmley lovet for a mesuage & other lands there called Gerves place one yeres Rent endyd at the feast of St Myghell th' archangell last past vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Highwey of Rushocke for a messuage & certen lands lieng in Rushocke called Sturmyes ground one yeres Rent due at the seid feast xi*s.*

It'm of John Lyrcocke & John Perks for a mesuage & certen lands lynge by Stowre syde callyd p'cheys land one yeres Rent due at the same feast ii*s. ob.*

It'm of Will'm Thorne for an acre of land lienge in the Spoutfyld one yeres Rent endyd at the seid feast iii*d.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe of Hartilbury for fowre butts of land

lyenge in the quarrey ffylld one yeres Rent due at the seid feast ii*d.*

It'm Rec' of Anthony Hareward for the toppys & croppys of certen tymber trees fallen at tynnefylds to Repare the churche house & scholehouse viii*s.*

THE WHOLE SOME OF THE RECEPTS vii*li.* xvii*s.* ix*d. ob.*

PAYMENTS MADE by the seid collectors the seid yere 1560.

Payme'ts. Inprimis paid to John Harres & Thom's Redyng for enclosyng the scholehouse closse xii*d.*

It'm paid to John Meysie for makynge certen wales about the scholehouse viii*d.*

It'm paid to the Reave of the lordshipe for one yeres Rent due for the scholehouse xii*d.*

It'm paid for thre hu'dred of tyle and for caryage of the same iiii*s.*

It'm paid for the charge of the' that dyd take downe the bell owt of the Steple xiiii*d.*

It'm paid to Edward Eyrer for the hurt of his toles in takynge downe the seid bell vi*d.*

It'm paid to John Costen for maknyge two sawe pytts at tynnefylds viii*d.*

It'm paid to John Hareward in p'te paym'te of a more some for the charge of the Corporac'n [1] vii*d.*

It'm paid for the makynge my boke of my accompt for this yere vi*d.*

It'm paid for the enclosynge the scholehouse close this yere viii*d.*

THE WHOLE SOME OF THE PAYME'TS vii*li.* x*s.* ii*d.*

So Remaynethe in stocke all charges dischargyd vii*s.* viii*d. ob.*

(*A loose sheet.*)

[1] i.e. the Corporation of Governors.

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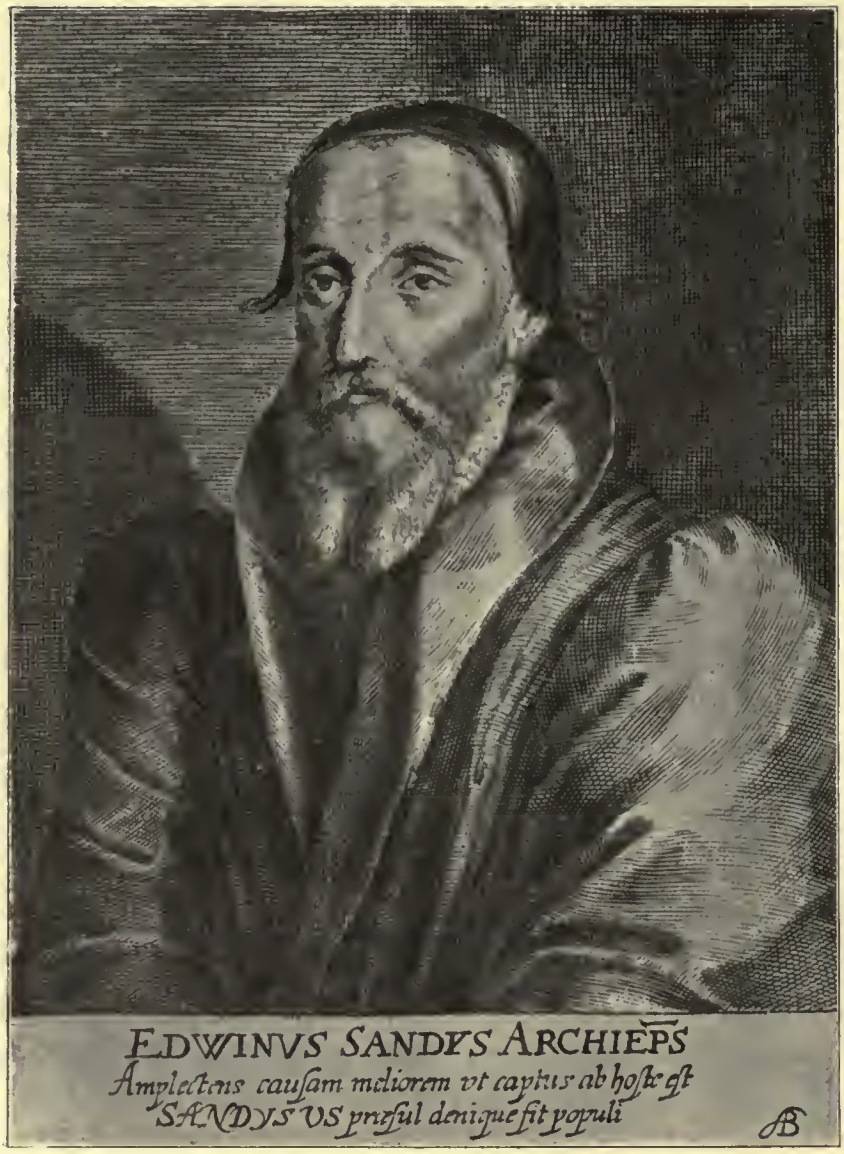


Portrait of Archbishop Sandys.

1562. Sept die Maij A'° R' Elizabeth quint.

M^d that upo' th'apparance of John Mannyng th'eld^r, Walt^r Donne & Johan Norton, Urbane & John Hareward before the Ryght hon'able Lord bushop of Worcest^r it appereth that there is due & remayanyng upo' their sev'all accompts for the use of the skole as folowethe.

first upo' Walter Donne vi*li.* xiii*s.* vi*d. ob.*

w^h som he ordred by the said Lord Busshop to pay the gov'nors at Myg'lm's next w^th^out delay.

It'm upo' Johan Norton x*s.* v*d.*

w^h soms he is ordred to pay to the said gov'nors at Midsom^r next.

It'm upo' John Hareward xvi*s.* iii*d. ob.*

w^h som he is orderd to pay at Whitsuntide next.

It'm that the said John Mannyng shall upon Wenysday in the Whitsunweke next appere agayne before the said Lord busshop and render a true & p'fecte accompte of all his colleccions and paym^ts, & there upo' forthw^th to make paym^t to the said gov'nors of all Soms of money remaynyng due to them upon his said accompte.

Ita est Ed. Wigorn [1].

1572. THE ACCOMPTE [2] of Anthony Harwode and Thomas Holmer, colectors of the fre Gramer Scholle of Hartelberre, from the feaste of the puryfycacion of blessed Marie the Vergen in the yeare of o^r Lorde God 1572 untell the sayed feaste of the puryficacion of o^r Lady in the yeare of o^r Lord God 1573.

Rs. It'm the hoolle R^s of the Rentes of the sayed ffre Scholle is yuste xi*li.* iii*s.* v*d. ob.*

Whereof Remayeneth in the hands of ffranc's Walker of Kettermi'ster iii*s.* iiii*d.*

R^d of Anthony Harwode v*s.* viii*d.*

[1] Edwin Sandys, afterwards Archbishop of York. He drew up new statutes for the school, and obtained a new charter for its government from Q. Elizabeth. He was the first *married* Bishop of Worcester.

[2] This account is out of its right place, as are several others.

Payements. It'm payde to Mr Jojner for his hoolle yeares wages xl*i.* xix*s.*

It'm payde to my L. bajll^e^ for Rente xii*d.*

It'm payde for the dressynge of the Scholle Mrs Woode vi*d.*

It'm payde at Ketterm^r^ and att Emlaye for discharginge of the Courte iiii*d.*

Payde to Phelippe Beste v*s.*

Soo dothe the Scholle Remayne in the Colecktors dett *ob.*

1562. *Hartilbury.* THE ACOMPTE of Walter Donne and Hu'frey Holmer, Collectors of the Rents of the fre Gramer Schole of o^r^ Sov'ayne Ladie Quene Elizabeth in Hartilbury, fro' the feast of the purificac'on of the blessed Mary the Virgin in the yere of o^r^ lord god 1562 untill the seid feast of the purificac'on of o^r^ ladie in the yere of o^r^ lord God 1563 v'z p' uno anno integro.

Recepts for St Mary quart^r^. Inp'imis Rec^d^ of Anthony Hareward vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Manynge th'eld^r^ vi*s.*

It'm of Margaret Thorne vid. iii*s.* iii*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Walker of Ked^r^my'ster iii*s.* iii*d.*

It'm of John Highwey of Russock v*s.* vi*d.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe of Elmley lovet iii*s.* iii*d.*

It'm of John Hopkyns and ffra'c's Thorne v*s.* vi*d.*

It'm of Will'm Man'ynge vi*s.*

It'm of ffranc's Skiler iii*s.* iii*d.*

Recepts for Mydsom^r^. q'ter. It'm Rec^d^ of John Best th'eld^r^ x*s.* x*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Best x*s.* x*d.*

It'm of Anthony Hareward vi*s.* viii*d.*

Recepts for Mighelm's q'ter. It'm Rec of Anthony Hareward vi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm of John Many'ge th'eld^r^ vi*s.*

It'm of John Hopkyns and ffranc's Thorne v*s.* vi*d.*

It'm of ffranc's Walker iii*s.* iii*d.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe iii*s.* iii*d.*

It'm of John Highwey v*s.* vi*d.*

It'm of John Lyrcock & John P'ks ii*s.* *ob.*

It'm of Thom's Smythe of Hartilbury ii*d.*
It'm of Will'm Thorne iii*d.*
It'm of Will'm Many'ge vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm of Margaret Thorne vid. iii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm of ffranc's Skyler iii*s.* iiii*d.*

Recepts for Chrystenmas quarter.
It'm of John Best th'eld[r] x*s.* x*d.*
It'm of ffranc's best x*s.* x*d.*
It'm of Anthony Hareward vi*s.* viii*d.*
THE WHOLE SOM'E OF THE RENTS vii*li.* v*s.* v*d. ob.*

It'm Rec of John Hopkyns, collector, the yere before Remaynyge upo' his aco'pte vii*s.* viii*d. ob.*
It'm Rec of James Grenebancke of the Cite of Worcest[r] for a broken bell xxv*li.*
It'm Rec for the Scholehouse closse x*s.*
THE WHOLE SOM'E OF THE RECEPTS xxxiii*li.* iii*s.* i*d. ob.*

PAYMENTS MADE by the seyd collecto's this yere.

Alloc. Inp'imis payd to S[r] John Lynyall for teaching children x*s.*
It'm paid to the carpynt[r] for him and his men for v days. aft[r] xiii*d.* the day in toto v*s.* x*d.*
It'm paid to Phillipe Tewe for sawynge at tynne fylde x*s.* viii*d.*
It'm more the seid Carpynters viii*s.*
It'm more for theyre Bord x*s.* viii*d.*
It'm paid to Richard best for Rods ii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm more to the Carpenters vii*s.*
It'm more to the Carpentrs ix*s.* vi*d.*
It'm more to the Carpentrs v*s.*
It'm to a parget[r] [1] iii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm to his man xii*d.*
It'm paid more for the carpy't's borde xxv*s.* ii*d.*
It'm payd to the parget[r] iv*s.*
It'm paid to a labour[r] for iiii days aft[r] vii*d.* the day ii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm paid to Richard best for Rodds viii*d.*
It'm paid more to the parget[r] x*s.*

[1] Plasterer.

It'm paid to S^r[1] John Lynyall at Mydsom^r for teachyng of children xs.

It'm paid for Lyme vs.

It'm paid for the expence of certen of the p'yshion^rs apperyng before the Quenes Maties Comission^rs at Kedermynst^r concernynge the schole iiis. iiiid.

It'm payd to Edward Eyrer for nayles xiid.

It'm paid John harrys for Rods and for wyndynge[2] the wales of the schole house xiid.

It'm paid for the caryage of foure Lods of tymber from tynne fylds iis. viiid.

It'm paid for two days caryage of claye[3] iis.

It'm paid to Walt^r Donne for foure dayes worke iis.

It'm paid more to the p'get^rs man vs. viid.

It'm paid to Anthony beste for teaching of children xxvs.

It'm paid to the pargeter iiiis.

It'm paid to the lyme man viis.

It'm paid at the yeldyng up o^r p'sentm^t before the Quenes surveyer for conceyled[4] lands xiid.

It'm paid to Clarke for makyng the flowres in the churchhouse[5] iiis.

It'm paid to the carpenters xis. id.

It'm paid to the pargeters vs. vid.

It'm paid to John Wale for Nayeles xvid.

It'm paid to John Costen iiiis. iiiid.

It'm paid to Sr John Lynyall for teachinge children vs.

It'm paid to the carpent^r more viis. vid.

It'm paid to Costen vs.

It'm paid for lathes xvid.

It'm paid to Eyrar for Nayeles xiid.

It'm to Rydley vis. viiid.

It'm paid to the same Ridley iis. iiiid.

It'm paid for two thowsands of tyles xxvis. viiid.

It'm paid to Anthony Best for teaching of the children xxvs.

It'm paid to Hu'frey Holmer that he had paid to workmen in my abse'ce iiiis.

[1] Sir—the old term for one in holy orders.

[2] The rods were used green, and were wound in and out.

[3] For daubing the walls.

[4] A wrong return having been made.

[5] The Head Master's house close to the Church.

It'm paid for a dysen of crests xii*d.*
It'm paid to Ridley for xvi dayes work xiiii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm paid to Sr John lynyall for teaching of children v*s.*
It'm paid Eyrer for nayles xviii*d.*
It'm paid to John Wall iiii*d.*
It'm paid to John Costen iii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm paid for the caryage of tyle to Sevarne side owt of Worcest^r^ ii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm paid to Arnold Bene for the caryage of the tyle up by water ffrom Worcest^r^ to Radstone[1] vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm paid for lyme vi*s.* x*d.*
It'm paid to the carpynt^r^ ageine v*s.*
It'm paid to the seid carpynt^r^ ii*s.*
It'm paid to the tyler and his man. xvii*s.*
It'm paid for the cariage of foure lods of tyle from Radstone iiii*s.*
It'm paid for the rent of the scholehouse xii*d.*
It'm paid to John Hareward vii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm paid to Thom's Holmer for cuttyng of tymber trees & squary'ge of them vii*s.*
It'm paid my expencs goyng to Worcest^r^ & to the Whiche[2] to Receve p'te of owre money of James Grenebanke[3] xii*d.*
It'm paid to Hu'frey Holmer for his expencs at Worcest^r^ to apoynte the tyle to be broughte up from Worcest^r^ to Radstone iiii*d.*
It'm paid for wryttynge of my boke xii*d.*
It'm paid to George lynyall for servyng the Tyler iiii*d.*
THE WHOLE SOME OF THE PAYMENTS xxvi*li.* viii*s.* vii*d.*

Remay'nnte. So Remaynythe in th' ands of the seyd collecto^r^s all chargs dischargyd vi*li.* xiiii*s.* vi*d. ob.*

1599. THE ACCOMPTE of Jhon fytkyn collector of the Rents of the fre gram'er schole of Hartlebury Anno Dom'i 1599.

Recepts. Imp' Receved of the Rents and Revenues of the said schole xiiii*li.* iiii*s.* x*d. ob.*

[1] Redstone, where was a ford over Severn. [2] Droitwich.
[3] Who bought the old bell.

Alloc. It'm paid to Mr Cole scholemaster there xi*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm paid to Phillip Best ussher xliii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm paid to the lords rent xii*d.*
It'm spent att my house iiii*d.*
It'm geve' to two wch went uppo' errantes about our busines iiii*d.*

SUM LAID OUT IS xiii*li.* i*s.* viii*d.*
Remeyn'ge iii*s.* ii*d. ob.*

Which same sum the said J'hn Fytkyn hath delivered unto the hands of J'hn Clent the elder as p'te of payment of debt due to him, and they have chose for their new collector Thomas Best of Wasley.

Receved of the stocke vi*li.*
It'm paid out of the same to J'hn Harward iiii*li.*
It'm to Phillipp Best xl*s.*

1572. THE ACCOMPTE of Urban^e Ayre, colecketor of the fre gramer Scholle of Hartelbure, the 24th daye of februwary an^o 1573 for the hoole year laste paste before the date year of as foloweethe

Rs. R^d of the Revenues of the same Scholle for this year laste paste xi*li.* viii*s.* v*d. ob.*
R^d more that did remayne in the handes of ffrancas Walker of Ketterm^r o*li.* iii*s.* iiii*d.*
R^d more for woode in the tynfeldes of John Beste 6*s.* 8*d.*, of Anthony Harwode 5*s.*, of John fetken 5*s.*, Som for woode o*li.* xvi*s.* viii*d.*
THE SOM RD. xii*li.* viii*s.* v*d. ob.*

pd. It'm p^d to m^r joyener at ester 56*s.*
It'm p^d to m^r joyener at medsomer 55*s.* } viii*li.* vi*s.*
It'm p^d to m^r joyener at mizellmes 55*s.*
It'm p^d to John Harwoode at christenmes o*li.* l*s.*
It'm p^d to pheleppe beste att that tyme o*li.* v*s.*

It'm p^d for prosses for ffrances Walker of Ketterm^r for breakynge uppe the Same and for a speciall Baylle 7*s.* 6*d.* for my charges when I wente to seke cownsell in that matter 3*s.* 4*d.*, for my charges at Ketterm^r the 20th of Maye 8*d.* to Mr Peter Umfrayes when he sholde have keped A courte for the corporacion[1] 3*s.* 4*d.*, on corpes christi daye at Ketterm^r when I sealed Walker's bondes 8*d.* — o*li.* xv*s.* vi*d.*

It'm for my lord's Rente — o*li.* o*s.* xii*d.*

It'm to thomas joye for hedgeyng of the Schoole house close — o*li.* o*s.* vi*d.*

It'm at John fetkens for charges of Certen of the corporacion[1] when Mr Yonge loked over o^r evedenc — o*li.* ii*s.* viii*d.*

It'm the 23^t of January at Worster for Mr Elletts charges and myne — o*li.* o*s.* xii*d.*

THE SUM P^d IS JUSTE — xii*li.* i*s.* viii*d.*

Soo dothe Remayne in my hands 6*s.* 9*d.* *ob.* whetche Som I hav at this presente before these gov^rne^rs undernamed delyv^red to John Fytken whoo is orderly chosen to be cooleckettor for this nexte yeare — vi*s.* ix*d.* *ob.*

Wm Barnysley	Thom's Best
John Best	Wm Ballard
Thom's Walker	Hu'frey Ma'ny'ge
John Hopkyns	ffrancs Ballard
Anthony Hareward	Rychard Thacher
Walter Donne	Wm Wall
Hu'frey Holm^r	John ffytfyn
Rychard Best	

[Many years' accounts are missing about this time.]

1578. The 3^d daye of Marche in the 21^t year of the Reyne of o^r Sofarring Lady Elizobethe, Quene of Yngland ffrance, and Ireland Defender of the fayeth &c.

WALTER DON' colector for the laste yeare hath made his

[1] i.e. the Corporation of Governors.

accompte before the moste p'te of the corporacion & all things dessecharged there Remayned in his hands viii*s.* viii*d. ob.*, whetche he hathe payed to the hands of Roger Hill, collector chosen by the more p'te of the Governors.

1584. M^d^ the xxiiii^th^ day of ffebruary Anno D'ni 1584 Regine Elizabethe xxvii^o^.

THOMAS HOLMER collector for the two yeares last paste hath made his accompte before the moste parte of the ffeoffees of the Grammer Schoole of Hartlebury and all things being discharged there remayneth in his handes o*li.* iiii*s.* x*d.* which he hath payde to the handes of John Clente Junnio^r^ chosen collector for the next yeare by the more parte of the sayd ffeoffees.

1585. M^d^ the xxvi day of february Anno D'ni 1585, Regine Elizabethae xxviiii^o^.

John Clent junnio^r^ collector for the yeare last past hath made his accompte before the moste parte of the ffeoffees of the Grammer Schole of Hartlebury and all thinges being discharged there did remayne in his handes o*li.* vii*s.* wch the ffeoffees have given to Philip Best to helpe to amende his wages and they have chosen by their generall consent Thomas Best of Pyehill collector for the year folowing.

THE GOODS OF THE SCHOLE.

Imp^s^ on[1] brass pott wth on linke
Ite' on payer of andiorns
Ite' two peeces of pewter
Ite' on table in the hall iii formes and vi benches
Ite' on press in the iner chamber

1587. M^d^ the xxi^t^ day of february anno Dom'i 1587 Regine Elisæ xxix^th^. Thomas Best Junior for the year last past hath made his accompt before the greatest p'te of the feoffees of the gram'er schole of Hartlebury and all things being discharged there did remaine in his hands xii*d.* and they did appoint collector John fitkyn.

[1] One.

M^d^ the xxi^t^ day of february anno Dom'i 1587 Regine Elisabethe xxix^th^. John fitkyn collector for the year last past hath made his accompt before the greatest p'te of the ffeoffees of the gram'er schole of Hartlebury and all things being discharged there remayned in his hands iii*s.* vi*d.* w^h^ he hath delivered into the hands of Urbane Ayere the Senr collector of the most p'te, wch money the said Urbane Ayere collector hath delivered to Phillipp Best by the consent of all the feoffees.

1592. M^d^ that the ix^th^ day of february Anno Dom'i 1592 Anno Dom' Regine xxxiiii^th^ Humfrey Manninge collector for these two yeeres last past cam in before the greter p'te of the feoffees of the fre gram'er schole of Hartleburye made his accompt and all things discharged and allowed there Remayneth in his hands thre pounds five shillings and five pence whereof Phillippe Best usher hath receved the 5*s.* 3*d.* and the iii*li.* is delivered to Thomas Balard collector for this yere followinge.

M^d^ it is agreed by the said feoffees that ever hereafter it shalbe an ordinance amongst them that every collector or collectors uppo Ashwedensday being the day ot their accompt bringe in and deliver before the foeffees to the use of the sayd schole as they shall appoint all such soms of money as shall at that tyme Remayne in their hands.

It is appointed att this p'sent that Thomas Ballard having Receved this iii*li.* shall answer this day twelvemonth the said iii*li.* & six shillings for the use thereof.

Witnesses

Urbane Ayre
Thomas Best
John Clent
Rychard Thatcher
John ffytkyne
John Best, Senr
John Best, Junr
John Hopkyns
H'mfrey Manninge
Thomas Best

Thomas Ballard
Robert Drought
John Manninge
Walter Dun

1593. THE ACCONTE of ffrancis Ballard Junr collector of the rents of the free gramer Sccole of Hartelburie vicessimo octavo die ffebruary Anno Regni Regin: Eliz: tricessimo quinto.

Inprimis. receved of the scoole rent xi*li.* xi*s.* vi*d.*
receved of the stocke iii*li.* vi*s.*
Receved of John Harwarde for a harriatte xl*s.*
Receved of Humfrey Clarke for Woode xvii*s.*
Receved of Thomas Hardiman for woode ii*s.* viii*d.*
Receved of John Lircock for woode iii*s.*
Receved of John Manninge for woode vi*s.*
Receved of Humfrey Manninge for woode ii*s.*
SOMA xviii*li.* ix*s.* ii*d.*

Payde owte as appeareth uppon his acconte made and taken by the feoffees ther the day and yeare above written xi*li.* xviii*s.* vii*d.*

Geven to the ussher by consent of the feoffees x*s.*

Remayinge in the handes of the saied collector as appeareth uppon the saied acconpte vi*li.* vii*d.*

Whereof viid. is unpayed and p'doned by the feofees to the collector, because he can'ot collect yt.

John Clent Junr is elected & chosen for collector this yeare followinge and hath receved the saied vi*li.* & is to answer the same together wth the interest of ii*s.* in the pounde uppon his accompte when yt happeneth wch shalbe uppon Ashwensday next ensuinge.

In Wittness

Urbane Ayre	John Best, Senr	Thomas Holmer
John Clent, ju^r	Humffrey Man'inge	Thomas Best, Junr
Walter Don'e	Richard Thatcher	John ffitkine
John Hopkins	John Man'inge, Senr	Thomas Ballard, Junr

1596. THE ACCOMPT of John fytkyn Collector of the free Gram'er Schole of Quene Elizabeth in Hartlebury, Anno Dom', 1596.

Recepts.

Imp^s Receved of the Rents & Revenues of the sayd schole xiiii*li.* iiii*s.* x*d. ob.*

Alloc. It'm payd to Mr Cole[1] scholemast^r there xi*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd to Phillip Best, Ussher liii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm payd to the lords rent xii*d.*
It'm spent att my house iiii*d.*
It'm gave to two wch went on carants about our busines iiii*d.*
SUM LAYD OUT IS xiiii*li.* viii*d.*
Remayninge iii*s.* ii*d. ob.*

Receved of the stocke vi*li.*
Layd out of the same
To John Harward iiii*li.*
To Phillip Best xl*s.*

THE ACCOMPT of Thomas Best collector of the Rents of the free Gramer Schole of Quene Elizabeth in Hartlebury, Anno dom'i 1596.

Recepts. Imp^s Receved of the Rents and Revenues of the sayd schole for the yeare last past xiiii*li.* iiii*s.* x*d.*
It'm Receved of ffrancis Ethyrage v*li.*
It'm Receved for Wood sould iiii*li.* x*s.* ii*d.*
Receved in generall for this yere last past xxiii*li.* xv*s.*

Alloc. Imp^s payd to Mr Cole scholemast^r xi*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd to Phillip Best ussher liii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm payd for the glasinge of the windowes xx*s.*
It'm payd to the lords Rent xii*d.*
It'm payd for the croppinge of the schole mast'rs wood x*d.*
It'm payd to a Counsellor for sta'ing our evidence x*s.*
It'm spent on myselfe and humfrey Manninge ix*d.*
It'm for a box iiii*d.*
It'm payd to Button for his fees in servinge Walker xii*d.*
It'm payd to the steward for entringe the declaration viii*d.*
It'm payd for making the declaration & in his discharges xvi*d.*
It'm payd for a writt v*s.*
It'm payd for the breakinge up of the same ii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm payd for judgement xii*d.*
It'm my charges in going sev'e tymes to Worcester iiii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd to M^r. p's'n[2] for his tyth wood ix*s.*

[1] There was a Rector at this time named Cole. This may have been his son.
[2] Parson.

Layd out this yeare as appereth by bills xvi*li.* xviii*s.*

Remanyninge of this Recept in the hands of Thomas Best vi*li.* xvii*s.*

Remayninge lykewise in the hands of Phillipp Best of the ould stocke wch the ffeoffees had p'mitted him to use till this tyme twelvemonth xl*s.*

Remayninge lykewise of Rychard Best for wood that he bought of the Collector v*s.*

And they have chosen for their collector for this yere followinge John Maninge yett uppo' entreaty & further causes in lawe they have chosen the said Thomas Best againe.

1597. THOMAS BEST'S ACCOWNT the fyrste of Marche, 1597.

M^d^ that the fyrste daye of M^r^che an. 1597 Thomas Beste of Waisleye made his accownte beynge colector of the fre Gramer skowle of Hartelbury before the ffeoffees whose names are under wretten.

R^d^ of Rentes and Revenues of the fre Gramer skowlle for this yeare xiiii*li.* iiii*s.* x*d. ob.*

Remainynge in his hande the last yeare vi*li.* xvii*s.*

SOM xxi*li.* xxii*d. ob.*

Whereof payd to the skowlle M^r^. and ussher xiiii*li.*

Payd for the repayeringe of the chertche howse serveyinge for the skowlle howse in Somer as appearethe by his account v*li.* iii*s.* ix*d.*

SOM P^d^ xix*li.* iii*s.* ix*d.*

Soo doth Remaine in his hands xxxviii*s.* i*d. ob.*

And in the hands of Pheleppe Beste xl*s.*

And in the hands of Richarde Beste v*s.*

SOM iiii*li.* iii*s.* i*d. ob.*

Whereof delyv^r^ed to John Clent, Senr, who is chosen to be collector this year xxxviii*s.* i*d. ob.*

In the hands of Thomas Beste for Richarde Beste v*s.*

and in the hands of Phelepe Beste to be payed this daye twelve munthe x*li.*

THIS IS THE SOM AFORESETTE DOWNE 4*li.* 3*s.* i*d. ob.*

Of *the ffeffese*

1. Urbane Ayre.
2. Thomas beste of W.
3. John hopekens.
4. Thomas ballarde.
5. John clente, sen^{r}.
6. Thomas howlmer.
7. Umffraye Manynge.
8. John beste, sen^{r}.
9. John beste, jun^{r}.
10. Thomas beste of pyhill.
11. John Manynge de charlton.

1598. THE ACCOMPT of Jhon Clent senior had and taken the xx. daye of ffeburary Anno Domini 1598.

Recepts. It'm Received of the Rents and Revenues of the fre Gramer schole of Hartlebury xiiii*li.* vi*s.*

It'm Received for an harriot of the executor of Thomes Manynge decessed xxvi*s.* viii*d.*

It'm Received of a stocke delivered the last yeare xxxviii*s.*

It'm Remaynge on Rychard Best's hand for wood v*s.*

It'm Remayinge in the hands of Phillipe Best x*li.*

SUMA RECEAVED IS xix*li.* xv*s.* x*d.*

Alloc. Imp. payd to the scholemaster and the ussher for this whole yeer xiiii*li.*

It'm to the lords rent xii*d.*

It'm to workemen as appeareth by a byll xvii*s.* ix*d.*

It'm geve' to Mr Cole out of the said sum xxx*s.*

It'm lent to Edward Eyrer uppo' his lease xx*s.*

It'm remayninge in the hands of Phillip Best till this tyme twelvemunth xl*s.*

It'm remayning in the hands of Richard Best for woode v*s.*

Remayninge uppo' this accompte of John Clente xxiii*d.* wch is deliv^{r}ed to Thomas Holmer, chosen collector for the yeare following.

1599. THE ACCOMPT of Thomas Holmer made by John Clent in his behalfe the vith day of ffebruary Anno Dom'i 1599.

Receaved of the rents for the whole yere xiiii*li.* vi*s.* ii*d.*

Alloc. Whereof payd to the scholemaster and to the ussher for the same yeare xiv*li.*

It'm payd to the lords rent xii*d.*

It'm payd for the cropping and hewinge out of the same wood xii*d.*

It'm payd for windinge and dawbinge of the church howse ii*s.* vi*d.*

It'm for sumthing unacounted for the last year ii*s.* iv*d.*

Remayning dwe to the said John Clent of this account vi*d.*

And they have nominated and chosen for their collector the yeere following John Best the younger.

Remayninge in the hands of Edward Eyrer, wch John Clent delivered him, the sum of xx*s.* *wch he should have payd long eare this.*

Remayninge in the hands of Phillipp Best the sum of xl*s.* whereof the ffeffoes doo gyve hym xx*s.* so is due but onlie xx*s.*

Remayninge in the hands of Rychard Best for wood unpayd for v*s.*

Remayninge unpayd for that p'te of the Base wch ffrancis Best did hould the sum of v*s.* v*d.*

wch vs. vd. is allredy due to Mr Elly[1] *scholemaster.*

1600. The xxv^th^ of Februerey in the xliii yeare of the raynge of the quenes mayejeste that nowe is John Beste jun^r^ of Norcharde sholde have made his accounte whearcuppon he is appoyented to jhone wth Umffraye Manynge the nexte yeare whoo is appoyented colector for the nexte yeare.

his Rs. It'm received of the skowlle rents xiiii*li.* vi*s.* ii*d.*

And for a haryete for Thomas Smethye xxvi*s.* viii*d.*

SOM xv*li.* xii*s.* x*d.*

Payede to Mr Elle and Pheleppe Beste xiiii*li.*

For Repayerynge of the skowlle howse & other charges xxv*s.* ii*d.*

SOM xv*l.* v*s.* ii*d.*

[1] "John Elly, M^r^ of Arts, began to serve the Cure the friday before Whitsu'day, beinge Mar. 27, 1599" (*Hartlebury Church Register*). The Rector at this time was Dr. Miles Smith, Bishop of Gloucester.

So Remayenethe in his hands	vii*s.* viii*d.*
& for Wedowe Best's haryette	v*s.*
& of Richard Beste p[d] hym	iii*s.*
Thomas Beste	iii*s.*
Thomas Hollemer	ii*s.*
Edward Eyrer dothe owe	xx*s.*
Pheleppe Beste dothe owe	x*s.*
SOM l*s.* viii*d.*	
Payd thearof to M[r] elle	v*s.*

Weetenesses

Urbane Eyre	Umffraye Manynge
John clente, jun[r]	John Manynge
John clent, sen[r]	Thomas holmer
Thomas beste of Pyhill	
Umff'eye Maninge	
John beste, sen[r]	
John beste, jun[r]	

1601. The xvii[th] day of ffebruaye Anno Do 1601 and in the xliiii yeare of the raygne of o[r] Soveragne Ladye Quene Elizabethe Hu'frey Manninge came in and made his accompt as followeth.

14*li.* 14*s.* 7*d. ob.* Imp. Receaved of the rentes and revenues of the sayd free Gramer Schole of Quene Elizabethe in Hartlebury

for on whole yeare	xiiii*li.* xiiii*s.* 7*d. ob.*
It'm receaved of Phillipe Best	x*s.*
It'm receaved of John Best	viii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm receaved of Thomas holmer	ii*s.*
It'm receaved of John Meekyn for 2 elmes and 2 stubbs	xii*s.*
It'm receaved of Thomas Best for the shreddings of the same elmes	iii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm for the cropp of an oke	ii*s.*
SUMMA TOTALIS IS	xvi*li.* xii*s.* vii*d. ob.*

whereof payd to M[r] Elly scholemaster and to Phillip Best ussher the sum of	xiiii*li.*
It'm payd to John Tipper	xii*d.*

It'm payd for nayles at severall tymes vi*d.*
It'm the lordes rent xii*d.*
It'm payd Rich Lankeshewe xii*d.*
It'm geve' to Thomas Thorne xx*d.*
It'm payd for Rodds in Astley wood ii*s.*
It'm payd for the carryage of severne and from thence to the schole xi*d.*
It'm payd for three barrells of lyme iv*s.*
It'm for carriage of the same xxiii*d.*
It'm for halfe a thousande of brick vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd to Humfrey Hopkyns for his worke xiii*s.*
It'm payd to John Best for the cariage of wood ii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm for my charges at Worcester whe' I bought the lyme iv*d.*
It'm for the carriage of clay, ston, and sand xx*s.* viii*d.*
It'm for the sawinge of the tymber iii*s.* iv*d.*
It'm more for bricke iii*s.* iv*d.*
It'm for the carriage of the same bricke xviii*d.*
It'm payd to the masons for heare[1] iv*d.*
It'm payd to the masons for their worke x*s.*
It'm payd for croppinge of wood iii*d.*
It'm payd for the carriage of the empty casks iv*d.*
It'm for the collector's wages for v days worke iii*s.*

LAYD OUT THE SUM OF xvii*li.* i*s.* i*d.*

So remayneth due to the collector viii*s.* vi*d.*
whereof and for the wch he is contente to take an oke standing w^th^in the grounds of Phillip Skyler ; and
They have elected and chosen for their collector this yeare following Urbane Ayere.

This accompt was had and take' in the p'sence of Urbane Ayere Humfrey Maninge John Clent Thomas Ballard John Best Senr. Thomas Best of pyhill John Maninge and John Best Junr.

M^d^ That there Remayneth a money herriott for the deathe of Alice Best, widowe, deceassed being due for the same decess^d^.

[1] Hair.

1601. THE ACCOUNT of Urbane Ayre ge't taken the 9th of March Anno Do'i 1602 having ben collector for the yeare past.

Imprimis receaved of the revenues of the free Gram'ar schoole xiv*li.* xiv*s.* viii*d. ob.*

It'm receaved for wood sold out of Teen feelds v*s.* viii*d.*

THE SUM OF THE WHOLL . xv*li.* iv*s. ob.*

Paid to the schole mr and usher xiv*li.* vii*s.*

It'm to Georg Drowt for worke ii*s.* x*d.*

For the lords rent xii*d.*

It'm for a peire of andirons ii*s.* vi*d.*

It'm for cropping five loade of woode and bringing it home ii*s.* iv*d.*

It'm spent on the feoffees whe' they sought for evidence ix*d.*

So ther is remaining iv*s.* ix*d. ob.*

wch is paid to the hands of Urbane Ayre gent. as being chosen collectour for the yeare following in the p'sence of those whose names are subscribed John Clent senr John Best senr John Best junr; Thomas Ballard Thomas Man'inge Thomas Best de pihill;

of the wch remaindr paid to Christopher Fitkin due to him for lime receaved of him about a ii yeare before ii*s.* vi*d.*

Memorandu'

1602. That Febr 22 an'o do'i 1603, Urban Ayre collectour made his account for the yeare past.

remayning in my hand ii*s.* iii*d. ob.*

receaved for wood sold out of teen fields xli*s.*

It'm receaved for the rents of the yeare xiiii*li.* xii*s.* v*d.*

layd out to the scholemr x*li.*

It'm to the usher iiii*li.*

It'm to the glacier ii*s.* vi*d.*

for clay iiii*d.*

to John Glover for mending walls xvi*d.*

for broome i*d.*

to glacr for mending an hinge i*d.*

for cropping & lowing out the wood viii*d.*

for their drinke that caryed the wood v*d.*

to the scholem^{r} & usher for last years chardges before	vii*s.*
for the lords rent	xii*d.*
spent at muse's at our meeting to seeke evidence	xviii*d.*
to Richard Barnsly for drawing the brief	vi*d.*
to Mr Love for his fee	ii*s.*
to M^{r} fleet for his fee	v*s.*
spent at Worcest^{r} myself and horse	x*d.*
to Thomas Wilkes for going to Ludlow for p'cesse	ii*s.*
for making a bill against Willia' Thorne & for p'ces	iii*s.* vi*d.*
to Mr Love for another fee	ii*s.*
for a copy of the bill	x*d.*
for a com'isso' to my Lord	ii*s.* ii*d.*
to an attorney for Willia' Thorne	ii*s.*
spent upo' myself going to ludlow	v*s.*
to M^{r} prichard for drawing interrogatores & making a p'r'ept	ii*s.*
so ther remaineth in my hand	xii*s.* viii*d.*

wch is delivered to John Best, sen^{r}, chosen collector for next yeare.

The xxvth day of March in the second yeare of the reigne of our Soveryne Lord James by the grace of God Kinge of England, ffraunce, & Ireland.

M^{d} the daye & yeare above written I ffraunc's Best of the parish of Hartlebury in the Countie of Worcester in considerac'on of the sume of xi*li.* of english money to me now in hand paid have assigned surrendred & given upp into the handes of the ffeoffees of the free Grammer schoole of King James[1] in Hartlebury aforesaid and of the lands rents and revenues of the same all my right tytle interest clame & demande whatsoever of & into our medowe and close thereunto adioyninge com'only called & known by the name of the Base medowe sett lyinge & being in the p'ish of Elmley Lovet in the said county of Worcester wth all profytes com'odities & emolum^{ts} thereunto belonginge or apperteininge for ev' by these presents.

In Wyttness whereof I have hereunto subscribed the daye & yeare first above written

The mark of + ffraunc's Best

[1] Here, and again in 1609, the school is called the school of *King James* in Hartlebury, but after his death the old name, fixed by the charter, is resumed.

In the presence of
John Elly[1]
Phillipp Best
John lyrcocke
George best
humfrey hopkyns

1603. THE ACCOUNTE of John Best collector of the rents & revenues of the schole upo' Febr. 13 anno do'i 1604.

Receaved of the rent	14*li.* 14*s.* 8*d.*
receaved of the old collector	8*s.*
& of John Best for two tree heades	xii*d.*
SUM 15*li.* 3*s.* 8*d.*	
whereof payd to the scholem^{r}	x*li.*
to the usher	iiii*li.*
delivered to Francis Best	iiii*s.*
for the carying of a loade of wood to John Best	ix*d.*
for the drinking at home	iii*d.*
to Rafe langshaw for winding a wall	ix*d.*
for nailes	i*d.*
for lime and mortar	ii*d.*
for three hu'dred & fifty tiles	iiii*s.* x*d.*
for a barrel of lime	xxii*d.*
spent at buying the same	i*d.*
for fetching home of the same & tile	xvi*d.*
for fetching sand	iii*d.*
for nailes for casepowles[2]	i*d.*
for the carying home the empty caske	i*d.*
to Jackson & his ma' for ii dayes worke	iii*s.* ii*d.*
spent by hu'fry Maning and my self at the appoynting out of the wood	iiii*d.*
for cropping & lowing out the wood	x*d.*

[1] "My Lord Bishop of Wigorn' (Gervaise Babbington), at the request of John Elly, curate & scholem^{r}, in the behalfe of Mr Ayre and his wife, having hymself in the morning as he was a going to Worcester vewed the place and finding it neither incom'odious nor p^{r}iudiciall to any person, gave them leave to erect a seate right over against the chancell dore & next before the scholem^{rs} seate, wch was erected this p'sent month of August anno sup'd'cto." (*Hartlebury Register.*)

[2] Upright timber for building.

spent at cariage viii*d.*
for the lords rent xii*d.*
for a payre of bellowes xiiii*d.*

SUME LAYD OUT 15*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

remaineth ii*s.* w^eh^ is delivered into the hands of John Manning, chosen collector for the next yeare.

1604. THE ACCOUNT of John Maning collector Marc. 5, anno Do 1605.

Receaved of the same rents for the yeare past 14*li.* 14*s.* 8*d.*
receaved for an harriott at the hands of John Maning of Whitlench 33*s.* 4*d.*

SUME RECEAVED xvi*li.* viii*s.*

Imprimis payd to the scholem^r^ for the yeare past x*li.*
It'm to the usher iiii*li.*
It'm at a view at highwayes vi*d.*
It'm at muse's when we had ben before my L.[1] spent vi*d.*
It'm at another time xii*d.*
It'm when we went unto John Maninge about the harriot ii*d.*
It'm payd to Mr Elly toward his charges on Ashwednesday and for lime vi*s.*
It'm the Lords rent xii*d.*
It'm for the drinking of the cariers of wood vi*d.*
It'm for the cropping & allowing of the same wood viii*d.*
It'm abated for a locke of the dore vi*d.*
It'm going to Worcester about the schole busines vi*d.*
It'm to on[2] Thomas of Worcest^r^ towards the com'issio' x*s.*
It'm delivered to Hu'fry Maning for Mr Wilds clarke for copying & ingrossing of an order xx*s.*
It'm layd out by the same collector as appeareth by his bill xii*s.* v*d.*
It'm layd out by Mr Ayre as appeareth by his bill in parchment iii*li.* vii*s.* ix*d.*
It'm layd out by hu'fry as appeareth likewise by his bill x*s.*

SUME LAYD OUT xxi*li.* xvii*d.*

due remayning to this accompta't & the rest iiii*li.* xiii*s.* v*d.*

[1] The Bishop, who by the statutes had the entire control of the school. [2] One.

At wh^ch tyme the same accompt being well taken & alowed they have chosen by consent humfrey Maning collecter for the yeare followinge

humfrey Maninge
Urbane Ayer
John Clent, sen^r
John Clent, jun^r
Thomas Ballard, jun^r
John Best, sen^r
John Best, jun^r
John Maninge
Thomas Best of pehill

1605. THE ACCOUNT of Hu'mfry Maning collector febr. 18, anno do' 1606.

Receaved of this yeares rent & revenues xxi*li.* vi*s.* iiii*d.* whereof layd out as followeth

Imprimis payd to the high^r scholem^r for his wages x*li.*
It'm to the usher iiii*li.*
It'm the Lords rent xii*d.*
It'm spent when I went to the Base to sell wood vi*s.*
It'm spent when John Maning tooke his lease at crumps vi*d.*
It'm payd to Mr Ayer that he layd out in law & in behalf of the schole iii*li.* xvii*s.* 9*d.*
It'm paid to John Maning for money spent likewise vi*s.*
It'm my own charges in the same action x*s.*
It'm to John Clent for money spent in the same matt'^r xiiii*d.*
It'm when I went to London to answear the p'cesse iii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm my charges in London & at my returne being 10 dayes xii*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd to Mr Baal an attorney in the chancery for appearing upo' 3 subpeneas vi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd for a copy of William Maning bill ix*s.*
It'm payd to Mr Waldrs for his counsaile xx*s.*
It'm payd to Mr Leg his clarke xvii*s.*
It'm going to Worcester to search the sheariffes office iii*d.*
It'm for Mr Baal's fees in Trinity terme iii*s.* iv*d.*
It'm to the same Mr Baal in Michael^s terme v*s.*
It'm to Mr D. Aymes man for writing his M^r's order of report v*s.*
It'm for viling[1] the same order iiii*d.*
It'm to Mr Corfill for his paynes iii*s.* iv*d.*

[1] Filing.

It'm for writing a copy of the order and bringing it down iiii*d.*
It'm to Thomas Longshawe for mending walles about the schole cha'b^{r} [1] iii*d.*
It'm my charges in going to Worcester about a writt concerning the execution about Cuttes aker in going 14 times ii*s.*
It'm for cropping wood viii*d.*
THE SUME LAYD OUT xxiii*li.* v*s.* v*d.*
So remayneth due to this accountant more than he hath receaved xxxviii*s.* i*d.*

At wch time the account being well taken & allowed by the feeffees p'sent they have chosen by consent for collector the yeare to followe John Best of Norchard the yonger.

Urbane Ayre

Homfr. maning
John Clente

Jhon Best
John Manninge
Thomas ballard

1606. THE ACCOUNT of John Best junio^{r} Collector of the Rents and Revenues of the schoole given the 10th of ffebruary 1607.

Receaved. Inp^{s} of the schoole rents this p'sent yeare xiiii*li.* xvii*s.* viii*d. ob.*
It'm of goodman Nott for a tree xx*s.*
It'm of Humphry Clarke and Thomas Best for crapwood xviii*s.*
It'm of Thomas Best for a hollow tree iiii*s.*
It'm of myselfe and Thomas Best for another tree xvi*s.*

It'm layd downe by the ffeoffees here named for the answering of William Man'ings suite com'enced against them into the Chauncery: as followeth	Mr Urbane Ayre	xxx*s.*
	John Best junio^{r}	vii*s.*
	John Clent senio^{r}	xii*s.*
	Humphry Man'inge	xii*s.*
	John Man'inge	xii*s.*
	John Best, senio^{r}	x*s.*
	SUMA	xxii*li.* iii*s.* viii*d. ob.*

Chamber.

Layd out. Inp[is] payd to M[r] Elly schoolem[r] for th' one halfe of this p'sent yeare v*li.*

It'm payd to Phillip Best usher in the whole yeare iii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm payd to M[r] Edward Best[1] succeeding schoolem[r] th'other halfe of the yeare ii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm given to M[r] Elly at his departeinge from the office of schoolm[r] by consent v*s.*

It'm spent at our meetinge about selling of a tree to goodman Nott at John Harwardes house iiii*d.*

It'm spent at Witch in going to M[r] Winslow about our writings at 4 severall times uppon myselfe and others xiiii*d.*

It'm payd to M[r] Winslow xxii*s.*

It'm payd to Humphry Ma'ninge of former debts xx*s.*

It'm spent at Crumps when we tooke our writings to my Lord ix*d.*

It'm spent at Crumps uppon the Com'issioners & their horses iiii*d.*

It'm payd to the scheriffe for William Thorne's attachement ii*s.* vi*d.*

It'm payd to the Constable arresting him iiii*d.*

It'm payd for the Com'issioners charges & ffeoffes din'er at Ketherminster iiii*s.* vi*d.*

It'm payd to M[r] Nicholas Bowyer for drawing o[r] answer xx*s.*

It'm payd to his Clarke for ingrosseing it v*s.*

It'm delivered to M[r] Corfield in London towards the charges of William Manings suite by him disbursed xxxx*li.*

It'm payd to M[r] Corfield for atturnies fees x*s.* iiii*d.*

It'm spent by John Best junio[r] Humphry Maninge and John Maninge in their journey to London about the same xxxvi*s.*

It'm payd to the Lords rent xii*d.*

It'm payd to M[r] Corfield for charges due to him ix*s.*

It'm payd to M[r] Winslow that we owed him x*s.* ii*d.*

It'm spent in going unto him ii*d.*

It'm payd to Thomas Best for bringing clay to the schoole ii*d.*

It'm payd to Thomas Longshawe for dawbeing xvi*d.*

[1] He was also Curate of Hartlebury.

It'm payd for rods & winding the' iiii*d.*
It'm payd for haire yet unused iiii*d.*
It'm repayd to goodman Nott in consideration of his tree being not sound ii*s.*
It'm payd to Aston for croppinge wood for ye schoole iiii*d.*
It'm payd to Humphry Man'inge towards his debt v*s.*
It'm paid to myselfe that (I spent in my journey to London) xii*s.*
THE SUME LAYD OUT xxii*li.* i*s.* ix*d.*
Reman' to the schoolem^r^ i*s.* xi*d. ob.*

This account was receaved & allowed by the ffeoffes under written then p^r^sent Feb^r^ 10 at what time Humphry Man'inge was chosen to be Collector for the yeare followinge

1 Urban Ayre ge't
2 John Clent sen^r^
3 John Clent jun^r^
4 John Best sen^r^
5 John Best jun^r^
6 John Man'inge
7 Humphry Man'inge
8 Thomas Best

Due to the ffeoffes whose names ensue as followeth vid.

p^d^ Mr Ayre xxx*s.*
p^d^ John Clent sen^r^ vii*s.*
„ John Man'inge xii*s.* 4*d. rem'.*
p^d^ John Best sen^r^ x*s.*
„ Humphry Man'inge xxvi*s.* iiii*d.* whereof payd by et to himselfe an'o 1608 xx*s.*
SUM'A iiii*li.* x*s.* iiii*d.*

Memorand. abated from Mr Edward Best the schoolem^r^ of his wages this yeare past to be repayd in time convenient xxxxvi*s.* viiii*d.*
It'm abated from Phillip Best usher vi*s.* viii*d.*

Memorand. added to the schoole rents for the next yeare & so to continue

Larance Muse xii*d.*
William Thorne vi*d.*

THE WHOLE RENTS ARE YEARELY
xiiii*li.* xix*s.* ii*d. ob.*

1607. THE ACCOUNT of Humphry Man'inge collector of the Rents of the fre schoole of Hartlebury given the first day of March 1608

Receaved for this p'sent yeare of the schoole rents
xiiii*li.* xix*s.* ii*d. ob.*
for Crapwood of Phillip Hanbury x*s.*
SUM'A xv*li.* ix*s.* ii*d. ob.*

Layd out. Inp^{s} payd to Mr Edward Best schoolem^{r} for this yeare past vii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
It'm payd to Phillip Best usher iii*li.* xvi*s.* viii*d.*
It'm payd to William Corfeild xx*s.*
It'm to Nicholas Bowyer for drawinge Interogat' & makeing a Reioynder x*s.*
It'm to his brother sone for ingrosseing the same ii*s.* vi*d.*
It'm to Humphry Drouth for going to London x*s.*
It'm to Edward Winslow for his charges comeing to be sworne at our Com'ission ii*s.* vi*d.*
It'm to ffrancys Man'inge when we served him as a witnesse to be at the Com'ission xii*d.*
It'm spent on myselfe & my horse when I rode to serve Mr Savadge to the Com'ission vi*d.*
It'm spent when I rode to serve Anthony Hall and John Cope lyeing forth att night xviii*d.*
It'm payd for a quarter of veale bestowed on Mr Cliffe[1] xxii*d.*
It'm spent in rideing & going to Witch & Hanbury 3 times vi*d.*
It'm payd to Mr Edwine Ayre for paper & parchment used at the Com'ission ii*s.*
It'm payd to the Lords Rent xii*d.*
It'm payd to myselfe xx*s.*

[1] "1615. To Mr Cliffe when he sate on the Commission betwixt the Towne and Sir Fran. Lacon. xi*s.*" See Burton's *Bewdley*, App. xxi.

It'm payd to goodman Aston for croppinge the schoolewood viii*d.*

SUM'A xv*li.* iiii*s.*

Reman' v*s.* ii*d. ob.*

due to this Collector of former debts vi*s.* iiii*d.*
reserveing to himselfe the sayd v*s.* ii*d. ob.*
REMAYNETH DUE TO HIM xiii*d. ob.*
Memorand. abated from the scholem^r his wages this yeare past to be repayd in time convenient xxxxvi*s.* viii*d.*
abated from the usher iii*s.* iiii*d.*

This account was receaved & approved the daye of March in the presence of Mr Urban Ayre John Best sen^r John Best jun^r John Man'inge feoffes & many others nominated ffeoffes.

And by their com'on consent Humphry Man'inge remayneth Collector unto such time as there be a new ffeoffement made wch is shortly intended[1].

1608. M^d Layd out towards the executeing of a Com'ission concerning the sute of William Man'inge com'enced into the high Court of Chauncery against the Governors of the free Gra'mer schoole of Hartlebury by those whose names are subscribed being nominated to be ffeoffes by the sayd Governors and ffeoffes in being as followeth, vid.

1	James Button gent	v*s.*
2	Anthony Drought	v*s.*
3	William Best	v*s.*
4	John Thorne	v*s.*
5	John Thatcher	v*s.*
6	John Lircocke	v*s.*
7	Thomas Mitchell	v*s.*
8	Humphry Puller	v*s.*
9	Humphry Hopkins	v*s.*
10	Christopher ffitkin	v*s.*
11	John Ballard	v*s.*
12	William Wheeler	v*s.*
	Sum'a	iii*li.*

[1] A List of the Feoffeements belonging to the school taken 18th Sept. 1607, is inserted at the end of the book.

Of the wch sume layd out by John Best collector of the same at a Com'ission holden at Stone 1608 as followeth.

The first day

It'm payd for the Com'issioners ffeoffes and witnesses there attending their dinner viis. ixd.
It'm payd to Frauncys Man'inge requireing it for his din'er, being a witness vid.
It'm payd to John Coxe his charges comeing to witnesse xviiid.
It'm payd for ale the same day and for provender for some horses xvd.

The second day

It'm payd for the com'issioners ffeoffes and witnesses there attending the second day their din'er vs. vid.
It'm payd to two juniors served to the Com'ission iis.
It'm payd to Man'inge & Low requireing it for their din'er xiid.
It'm payd to Man'inge before he would be examined xiid.
It'm payd to Horneblower for hay and provender for all the horses iis. ixd.
It'm payd for ale and manchet[1] amongst the company before & after din'er viiid.
It'm given to Harris his boy for fetching horses iiiid.
It'm payd to Nash for writing a bands concerning an agrement viiid.

The third day

It'm payd for a drinkeing on the third day xiid.
It'm payd to Mr Bowyer Clarke of our Com'ission xs.
It'm given to a boy tending our horses iid.

It'm payd for a bottle of wine bestowed on Mr Cliffe xvd.
It'm payd for the com'issioners and ffeoffes din'er meeting at Kithermuster about an agrement vis. viiid.
It'm spent the same day in ale for the company iiiid.

LAYD OUT SUM'A xxxxixs.
Remayneth xis.

wch xis. is delivered to Humphry Man'inge remayning Collector

[1] "While Doctor Sandys and Master Bradford were in close prison together (in the Tower), one John Bowler was their keeper, a very perverse papist; yet by often persuading of him at the length he began to mislike popery and to favour the Gospel, and so persuaded in true religion, that on a Sunday, when they had mass in the chapel, he bringeth up a service-book, *a manchet*, and a glass of wine, and there Doctor Sandys ministered the communion to Bradford and to Bowler." (*Fox.*)

for the next yeare. and wch xi*s.* was since given to Mr Wiles towards his fee.

This account had & approved by the ffeoffes & persons aforesayd or the greater part of them the first day of March, 1608.

1608. THE ACCOMPT of Humfrey Manninge Collector of the rentes of the free Gram'er schoole of Kinge James in Hartlebury had and before taken the xxiii^th^ daye of ffebruary Anno Do'ni 1609.

Recepta per p'ent Collector.

Inprimis receaved of the schoole rentes	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* ii*d. ob.*
Item of Humfrey Smith for wood at Base	xliii*s.*
Item of John Sisly for a burr oke	v*s.*
Item of Phillip Groundsill for a peartree	ii*s.* viii*d.*
Item of Thomas Skiler for an oke & an ash in Tinfieldes	xx*s.*
Item of Phillip Best for cropp wood	v*s.* x*d.*
Item of Thomas Hardyman for a Burr tree	viii*s.* iiii*d.*
Item for a herryot of ffrauncis Highway	iii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
SUMA	xxii*li.* xvii*s.* iiii*d. ob.*

Allocata.

Inprimis paid to the Schoolemaster & Usher	xiiii*li.*
Item paid to Mr Corfield	iii*li.* xiii*s.*
Item spent rideinge to Witch to Mr Wiles	iii*d.*
Item spend rideinge to Worcester to Mr Wiles	vi*d.*
Item ridinge to Mr Wiles wth Mr Button and John Best	xiii*d.*
Item given to Mr Wiles towards his fee	v*s.*
Item spent uppon John Best & myself going to Base to fell wood	v*d.*
Item to Mr Wiles his man for writinge	v*s.*
Item spent in goinge to Witch sev'all tymes besides the tymes abovesaid	ii*s.*
Item the Lords rent	xii*d.*
Item to ffrauncis Lye for croppinge wood for the schoole & towards his wage in helpinge the Collyer	xx*d.*
Item due to the said Collector upon his last accompt	xiii*d.*
Item paid to John Maninge wch he laid out about busines concerninge the schoole	viii*s.*

Item paid to Mr Ayre xxxs.
Item paid to John Clent xiis.
Item paid to the Widowe Best xs.
SUMA xxili. xs. viid. . . . . 21li. 10s. 7d.
And so remayneth in the handes of the said Collector xxvis. viiid. ob.

1609. THE ACCOMPT of Humfrey Maninge, Collector of the rentes of the Schole Landes in Hartlebury taken the vith daye of ffebruary Anno D'ni 1610.

Recepta per prec'd'n' Collector. Inprimis receaved of the schole rents due for the foresaid yeare xiiiili. xixs. xid.
Item for ii fruit trees by the delivery of John Clent Thomas Best & John Best viis.
Item for a herryot solde to Tho: Harward xiiiis.
SUMA RECEPT xvili. xid.

Allocata.
Inprimis paid to the Scholemaster & to the Usher for their wage this yeare xiiiili.
Item the L. rent xiid.

Apr' 6 Spent at Crompes uppon the Parson of Astley[1] iiiid.

Vth maii Spent in goinge to Witch to Mr Wiles viiid.

II Junii Item spent at Ludlow beinge there ii dayes and a night iis. iiiid.

20 *Junii* Item Anthony Drought his charges and ffees in goinge to Ludlow to exhibite a bill against the tenants that would not attorne xiiis. iiiid.

20 *Junii* Spent at Crompes uppon the Parson of Astley[1] and some ffeoffees when the ffeoffment was to be made to him & to Mr Best iis. iiiid.
Spent in goinge twoo dayes to serve proces uppon tenants that would not Attorne iiiid.
Item when I went to Ludlow about the hearinge of the matter concerninge the Attornem't Mr Littleton's fee vs.
To his Clark xvid.
To Mr Skerme my Attorney iis.

[1] Johannis Sheapheard, Rector of Astley, 1587—1611.

Item the copy of their Answere	xii*d.*
The recordinge the bookes in another office	ii*d.*
To the Register & Marshall	viii*d.*
ffor suminge out the order	xvi*d.*
To Mr Skirmes man for his paines	vi*d.*
Item to ffr: Phillips & Mr Skirmes man	iiii*d.*
Item for my dyet for vi dayes & horsemeate	ix*s.* ii*d.*
Item for a key & hinges for the schole dore	viii*d.*
Item spent at Crompes when Mr Shepard came to give livery & seizen [1]	vi*d.*
Item paid for my passage at Redston [2] iiii tymes	iiii*d.*
Item for croppinge the schole wood	viii*d.*
Item for windinge & dawbinge the schole walles	x*d.*
SUMA xvi*li.* iiii*s.* x*d.*	3*s.* 11*d.* to him

The said Accoumptant havinge made his Accompt the daye and yeare abovesaid havinge v*s.* allowed unto him towards the xv*s.* wch he disbursed as the newe ffeoffees due his last yeares Accompt beinge cast together wth this There remayned in his handes xvii*s.* ix*d.* wch he delivered to Anthony Drought who was then chosen and appointed Collector for the next yeare.

1610. THE ACCOMPT of Anthony Drought Collector of the rents of the schoole Lands in Hartlebury taken the xxvi^th^ day of ffebruary Anno D'ni 1611.

Recept. per p'drum collectorem.	Inprimis receaved of the schoole rentes due for th' aforesaid yeare	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* xi*d.*
	Item receaved of the Last Collector beinge the remainder of his Accompt	xvii*s.* ix*d.*
	SUM'A RECEPT	xv*li.* xvii*s.* viii*d.*

Allocata.	Inprimis paid to the Schoole Master & Usher for their wages this yeare	xiiii*li.*
	Item the L. rent	xii*d.*
	Item to Mr Best wch he had disbursed in repayringe the schoole M^r's^ chamber	ii*s.* vi*d.*

[1] To give or take possession. [2] A ferry over the Severn at Redstone.

Item for v C & vi of tiles	vii*s.* viiii*d.*
Item for ii stricke of lime	xii*d.*
Item for carriage of the tile & lime	ii*s.*
Item for a bundell of lath	vi*d.*
Item to Jackson & his man for one dayes worke in tilinge	xx*d.*
Item to William Aston for one dayes work in fallinge wood for the schoole	viii*d.*
Item to them that carryed the wood to make them drinck	viii*d.*
Item for vi newe boxes to put the evidences of the schoole Landes in	iii*s.*
SUMA ALLOCATOR	xv*li.* iiii*d.*

The said Accomptant havinge made his Accompt as above there remayned in his handes the sume of xvii*s.* iiii*d.* which he then delivered to John Thorne who was chosen to be collector the next yeare.

A note of such money as is due to the parties undernamed w^eh was laid out for the benefit of the schoole

	P^d Urbane Ayre	x*s.* Ann^o 1613 p^d				
viii*s.*	John Clent, sen^r	x*s.*	—	ii*s.*	—	xii*d.*
iiii*s.*	John Best	v*s.*	—	i*s.*	—	vi*d.*
xi*s.*	James Button	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	Anthony Drought	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	William Best	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	John Thorne	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	John Thatcher	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	John Lyrock	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	Thomas Mitchell	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xxv*s.*	Humfrey Puller	xlvi*s.*	—	xxi*s.*	—	i*d.*
xi*s.*	Humfrey Hopkins	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	Chris'her ffydkin	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	John Ballard	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
xi*s.*	William Wheler	xv*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*s.*
viii*s.*	Humfrey Maninge	x*s.*	—	ii*s.*	—	xii*d.*
viii*s.*	Thomas Beste	x*s.*	—	ii*s.*	—	xii*d.*

vi*s.*	John Maninge	vi*s.*	—	0	—	0
	Ed. Ayre	—		—		—
	James Clent	—		—		—
vi*s.*	William Prattleton	x*s.*	—	iiii*s.*	—	ii*d.*

p^d ix*li.* vi*s.* ffebr 17°

Rem. iii*li.* xvi*s.*

1612 paid of this
9th daye Marche 1613
the sum of xlviii*s.* vi*d.*
So Rem. xxv*s.* vi*d.*

[The account for 1611 is missing.]

1612. THE ACCOMPT of Humfrey Pooler collector of the rents of the schoole Lands of Hartlebury taken the ix^th day of March 1613.

Recept. Inprimis receaved of the schole rents due for this yeare xiiii*li.* xix*s.* xi*d.*

Item receaved for iiii trees xxxii*s.* iiii*d.*

Item receaved of John Lircock for a tree ix*s.*

SUM'A RECEPT xvii*li.* i*s.* iii*d.*

Allocata. Inprimis paid the schoole master and Usher for their wages xiiii*li.*

Item the L. rent xii*d.*

Item to Willm. Aston for falling wood the last yeare x*d.*

Item to Mr Lanckshaw for mending the walles of the schoole x*d.*

For a key for the schoole dore iii*d.*

Item for fallinge wood this yeare x*d.*

Item bestowed on those that carryed the wood viii*d.*

SUM'A ALLOCATA xiiii*li.* iiii*s.* v*d.*

The said Accomptant havinge made his accompt as above there remayned in his handes the sume of lvi*s.* x*d.* of which xlviii*s.* and vi*d.* was paid to the ffeoffees which had laid out the same before and th' other viii*s.* iiii*d.* the remainder of the foresaid sume of lvi*s.* x*d.* was given to Mr Best and Phillip Best At what tyme John Lircoke was chosen collector for this next yeare.

1613. THE ACCOMPT of John Lircock collector of the rents of the schoole Landes of Hartlebury taken the xxiith daye of ffebruary A° D'ni 1614.

Inprimis receaved of the schoole rents	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* xi*d.*
SUMA RECEPT. PR'.	

Inprimis paid to the Schoole Master & Usher	xiiii*li.*
Item for croppinge and makinge of wood	ii*s.*
Item for a boord and workman's wages	xi*d.*
Item for mendinge the schoole dore key	ii*d.*
Item for drinck for such as carryed the schoole wood	xi*d.*
Item the L. rent	xii*d.*
SUMA ALLOCAT xiiii*li.* iiii*s.* vii*d.*	

The said Accomptant havinge made his Accompt as above there remayned in his handes the sume of xv*s.* iii*d.* *ob.* whereof x*s.* given to Mr Best & v*s.* iii*d.* to Phillip Best. At what tyme John Thatcher was chosen Collector for the next yeare.

1614. THE ACCOMPT of John Thatcher Collector taken the xiiiith day of ffebruary A° D'ni M'^{tri}'que 1615.

Inprimis rec' of the schoole rents	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* xi*d.*
Item for a tree of John Thorne	v*s.* vi*d.*
Item for a tree of John Wall	ii*s.*

Allocat.

Inprimis to Mr Best	x*li.*
Item to Phillip Best	iiii*li.*
Item the L. rent	xii*d.*
Item to Wm Manninge for stocking a tree & making a saw pitt	xxii*d.*
Item to H. Smith for fallinge the schoole wood	viii*d.*
Item for a q^{r} of roddes	iiii*s.* vi*d.*
Item for carrying of them to Severne	xii*d.*
Item for carrying them to Redston	viii*d.*
Item to Muse for carrying them to Hartlebury	xii*d.*
Item for passage going about the said Roddes	iiii*d.*
Item to Tho. Streete & Urban Best for squaringe & sawing a tree	vii*s.* iiii*d.*
SUMA ALLOCAT.	

The said Accomptant having made his Accompt as above there remained in his handes the sume of viii*s.* At what tyme Wm Wheler was appointed to be collector for the next yeare.

1615. THE ACCOMPT of Will'm Wheler collector taken the vth daye of March Anno D'ni m'tri'que 1616.

Recept. Inprimis receaved of the schoole rents 14*li.* 19*s.* xi*d.*

Allocat. Inprimis to Mr Best x*li.*
Item to Phillip Best iiii*li.*
Item to Ja. Higges for settinge upp the Tables in the schoole ii*d.*
Item the cropping of the Schoole wood xiiii*d.*
Item the faggotinge thereof xvi*d.*
Item for drinck to the Carryers of the wood x*d.*
Item for vi C of Tyle employed uppon the chamber x*s.*
Item the Carryage thereof iii*s.*
Item to the Tyler and his men for layinge the same vii*s.* iiii*d.*
Item for 20 brick ii yardes of vayle & workmanship in mendinge the hearth xiiii*d.*
Item for vii stricks of lyme at vii*d* the str. iiii*s.* i*d.*
Item for a bundell of lath & nayles vii*d.*
SUMA EXPENS xv*li.* ix*s.* ix*d.*

The said Accomptant havinge made his Accompt as above there appeareth to be due unto him the sume of ix*s.* and x*d.* which he hath Disbursed over and above his receipts. At what tyme Humfrey Hopkins was appointed to be collector for the next yeare.

[See also at end of the Book a Resolution passed 1616.]

1616. THE ACCOMPT of Humfrey Hopkins collector taken the xviii^th^ daye of ffebruary A° D'ni 1617.

Recept. Inprimis receaved of the Schoole rents xiiii*li.* xix*s.* x*d.*
Item for wood sold ix*s.* viii*d.*

Allocata. Inprimis to Mr Best x*li.*
Item to Phillip Best iiii*li.*
Item to Phillip Best for drawinge timber ii*s.* viii*d.*

Item for cropping wood for the Schoole	viii*d.*
Item for the L[s] rente	xii*d.*
Item to Thomas Streete and his man	xx*d.*
Item to William Wheler due unto him	ix*s.* viii*d.*
SUMA EXPENSARS	xiiii*li.* xv*s.* 8*d.*

The said Accomptant havinge made his accompt there remained due to the schole the sume of xiii*s.* and viii*d.* which was then paid to William Best who was appointed Collector for the next yeare.

Item delivered to the said William Best M[r] Clent's fine	xx*s.*
Item delivered to him M[r] Manninge and John Hopkins' fine	xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Item delivered to him M[r] Walker's fine	xl*s.*
Item Richard Best his fine	xv*s.*
Item John Manninge his fine	v*li.*

1617. THE ACCOMPT of William Best Collector taken the xth day of ffebruary A° D'ni 1618.

Recept. Inprimis receaved of the schole rents	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* xi*d.*.
Item recept by him in sev'all sumes above written	x*li.* ii*s.*
SUMA	xxv*li.* i*s.* xi*d.*

Allocata. Inprimis to M[r] Best	x*li.*
Item to Phillip Best	iiii*li.*
Item to M[r] Best	xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Item to W[m] Wheler	vi*d.*
Item to the maydes	ii*s.*
Item more to M[r] Best	xx*s.*
Item to the Usher	x*s.*
Item to Humfrey Smith	iiii*s.* x*d.*
Item to Tho. Streete	xviii*s.*
Item to Tho. Wall	vi*d.*
ffor Rayles	viii*d.*
To the Masons	xiiii*s.*
Item to them for Dawbinge	viii*s.*
Item for Beare	viii*d.*
Item for digginge stonne	viii*s.* viii*d.*
Item for Lyme xx str.	v*s.*

Item for Tile one thowsand and carriage	xxi*s.* i*d.*
Item for Carriage of Stonne	x*s.*
Item for Clay	xv*d.*
Item for same	vi*d.*
Item for a laids carriage of wood	vi*d.*
Item for a Sill for the Schole	v*s.*
Item the Schole rent	xii*d.*
Item to the Tiler and his man for vi dayes	xi*s.* vi*d.*
Item for Rayles v C	x*d.*
To Langshawe	iii*s.*
SUMA	xxii*li.* vi*s.* ii*d.*

The said Accomptant havinge made his Accompt there remayned in his handes due to the Schole the sume of lv*s.* ix*d.* wch was then delivered to Thomas Best who was appointed Collector for the next yeare.

M^d^ to demaund of ffr. Highway such money as he doth stand endebted unto the schole for wood sold by him.

1618. THE ACCOMPT of Thomas Best Collector taken the first daye of March A° D'ni 1619.

Recept. Inprimis Receaved of the schole rents	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* x*d.* *ob.*
Item receaved of William Best	xxx*s.*
SUMA	xvi*li.* ix*s.* x*d.* *ob.*

Allocata. Inprimis to the Scholemaster and Usher	xiiii*li.*
Item for glasse about the scholemaster's chamber	xvi*d.*
Item for ii Ease powles about the schole	iiii*d.*
Item for vii dayes work & d'i [1] to the tiler about the schole	vii*s.* iiii*d.*
Item to the Tiler's man for vii dayes and d'i [1].	v*s.*
Item the charge of v bundells of lathes	iii*s.* vi*d.*
Item lime 5 str.	ii*s.* vi*d.*
Item for tile 600 and the carriage	xii*s.*
Item for lath Rayle 1000	xx*d.*
Item for croppinge of the schole wood	viii*d.*
Item th'expense of the carriage	xii*d.*
SUMA	xv*li.* xv*s.* iiii*d.*

[1] A half.

The said Accomptant havinge made his Accompt there remayned in his handes due to the schole the sume of xiiii*s.* vi*d.* *ob.* which was then delive'd to the scholemaster and usher At what tyme John Manninge was appointed to be collector for the next yeare.

Primo Martii A° D'ni 1619.

M^d^. The day and yeare above written y^t^ was agread by the ffeoffes then present that John Thorne William Wheler and Thomas Best together wth the collector for this yeare wth Mr Best the scholem^r^ shall goe and take viewe and Survey of such Landes and Ten'ts as belonge to the schole betwixt this and the ffeast of Pentecost next and shall take such cowrse for the amendinge and repayringe of anything concerning the said Landes and Ten'ts as they shall finde to be faulty accordinge to their discretions and so returne a Rote in writinge of their proceadinge in that behalf to the residue of the ffeoffes at their nexte meetinge.

1619. THE ACCOMPT of John Manninge collector taken the xiiii^th^ day of ffebruary Anno D'ni 1620.

Recept.	Inprimis receaved of the schole rents	xiiii*li.* xix*s.* x*d.* *ob.*
	Item the sale of a Little tree	ii*s.* vi*d.*
	TOTO	xv*li.* ii*s.* iiii*d.* *ob.*

Allocata.	Inprimis to the scholemaster and usher	xiiii*li.*
	Item the Lords rent	xii*d.*
	Item to the jewry at Wor^r^	v*s.*
	Item spent there by the ffeoffes	ii*s.*
	Item spent by the ffeoffes in viewing the schole Landes	xii*d.*
	Item an other tyme conc'ninge the like businis	vi*d.*
	Item for croppinge the schole woode	viii*d.*
	Item for drinck to them that brought the woode	vi*d.*
	TOTO	xiiii*li.* x*s.* viii*d.*

The said Accomptant havinge made his Accompt there remayned in his handes due to the schole the sume of xi*s.* vii*d.* *ob.* which was then deliv'ed to the Scholemaster and Usher at what tyme John Thatcher was appointed to be collector the next yeare.

1620. THE ACCOMPT of John Thatcher collector taken the seaventh day of March A'no D'ni 1621.

Inp^{r} Receaved of the schole rents	14*li.* 19*s.* 10*d. ob.*
Recepta for two hollow trees	5*s.*
for their crop^{s}	5*s.*
for an ould ash	20*d.*
for Highwaies herriott vid. A cauldron rated at	5*s.*
SUME 15*li.* 16*s.* 6*d. ob.*	

Allocata. Inp^{r} to Mr Best for three quarters of the yeare	7*li.* 10*s.*
To Mr Marshall [1] for one quarter	2*li.* 10*s.*
To Phillip Best, Usher	4*li.*
To the lords rent	12*d.*
Layd out at Worcester at our going before the Commissioners for charitable uses	4*s.* 8*d.*
Layd out in bread and ale for the carriers of the schoole wood	8*d.*
Payd for croppinge of the said wood	8*d.*
SUME LAYD OUT 14*li.* 7*s.*	
SUME REM. 1*li.* 9*s.* 6*d. ob.*	

The sayd Collector having made his Account there remained in his hands 1*li.* 9*s.* 6*d. ob.* whereof delivered the same day to Mr Marshall schoolem^{r} 20*s.* and the remainder being 9*s.* 6*d. ob.* to be given to Phillip Best Usher At what time John Lircocke was chosen collector for the yeare followinge.

THE SEAVENTH DAY OF MARCH, AN'O D'NI 16—[2].

Ja: Button
Wm Beast
J^{n} Thorne
Wm Wheeler
John Lircock
Antho: Drought
Tho. Beast
J^{n} Mannynge
John Thatcher
Humfrey Hopkins

These persons being the Governors of the free schoole of Queene Elyzabeth in Hartlebury and the poss^{rs} thereof do order as followeth. *Vid*: 1. That whereas it is resolved and agreed that the School M$^{r's}$ wages should be made from x*li.* to xiiii*li.* and that the Usher's should be raised from iiii*li.* to vi*li.* p^{r} annum the same is to be raised in man'er followynge. Vid: first it is thus resolved on that if the tenants subscribed doe w'thin xiii dayes after the xxvth of

[1] Curate to Dr. Miles Smith, Bishop of Gloucester and Rector of Hartlebury, who wrote the longer Preface to the A.V.

[2] The date is probably 1621.

this month repaye unto the Colector of the Revenues of the school to be nominated for the yeare followying they doe give him satisfacc'on for such rents as are sett down at theyr names for on half yeare to be then deliveryed, they that then shall have such estates as they have by former grants renewed by new grants according to such reducc'ons to the tenants as shalbe thought fittinge by the said Govern^rs^. yf any of the subscribed Tenants doe refuse or neglect the paym^t^ of theyr rents as affore is wright'n, then it is ordered that new esta't's shalbe made of the lands and tene'nts of such as shall so refuse unto such other p'sons as the said Colector shall hold meete.

Anthony Drough	xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Tho. harward	vi*li.*
ffraunc's hyghwaye	iiii*li.*
Richard Beast	xxiiii*s.* viii*d.*
John Manning	xx*s.*
Richard Thorn	xx*s.*
Wydow Skeeler	xx*s.*
Tho. Walker	xii*s.*
Laurence Mewse	xiiii*d.*
The Tenants to the Chauntry Medowe	xl*s.*

It is also ordered and so resolved that whereas all leases now held by are held voyd in lawe all leases hereafter to be granted are to follow two formes or p'sidents. The one forme is to be conceyted of Tenents to lands to be granted and that is to be drawn according to the ould lease of Harward's Inn, the other of lands w^th^out houses and that is to yimitat[1] the ould lease granted to Skeeler of Tynn ffeeldes.

It is agreed that all grants of things heerebefore heriottable shalbe liable to heriott or xl*s.* at the choyse of the Collect^r^ and 3 of the Gov'ers at the leaste. In the new leases p'viso to be inserted that uppon a yeares warninge if repares be not don then a reentry.

It is ord'red that the Collect^r^ for the tyme beinge shall sell no wood but by the consent and approbacon of 3 of the Gov'n's at least.

[3] Imitate.

A TRUE RENTROLL OF ALL THE LANDS AND TENEMENTS BELONGYNGE TO THE FREE GRAMMER SCHOOLE OF Q. ELYZA: IN HARTLEBURY MADE AN'O D'NI 1622.

Thomas Hareward		vi*li.*
Phillip Highway		iiii*li.*
Anthony Drougth		xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Richard Best		xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
John Man'inge		xx*s.*
Richard Thorne		xx*s.*
John Wall		xx*s.*
Thomas Walker		xii*s.*
John Thorne Widdowe Man'inge Humfrey Hopkis	for Chantry Meddow	ii*li.* v*s.*
Laurence Muse		xiiii*d.*
Phillip Smith		vi*s.* viii*d.*
William Man'inge Junr.		xii*s.*
William Man'inge Senr		vi*d.*
Henry Granger		vi*d.*
John Clent Thomas Tolly Widdow Gowden		ii*s.* i*d.*
John Best		ii*d.*
	SUM'A TOTALIS	xx*li.* i*d.*

1621. THE ACCOUNT of John Lircock collector taken the xxvith day of ffebruary 1622°.

Receaved of the schoole Rents	xx*li.* i*d.*
ffor three hollow trees	xv*s.* viii*d.*
SUME xx*li.* xv*s.* ix*d.*	

Layd out. Inp^{s} to Mr Marshall schoolem^{r}	xiiii*li.*
Ite' to Phillip Best usher	vi*li.*
Ite' to George Drought for pillers and ledges for the schoole windowes	v*s.* x*d.*

Ite' to a workeman for croppinge wood for the schoole and for winding and dawbeing walls ii*s.* viii*d.*
Ite' spent at bringinge home the wood iiii*d.*
Ite' payd for the lords rent xii*d.*
SUME xx*li.* ix*s.* x*d.*

The remainder v*s.* xi*d.*
Whereof given to Mr Marshall toward his charges iiii*s.*
and to Phillip Best usher, ii*s.*
At what time William Wheeler was chosen collector for the yeare followinge.

1622. THE ACCOMPT of Wyllya' Wheler Collector 1622.

Inp. Received of the schole rents xx*li.*
Ite' for wood sold to div^s^ p'sons xix*s.*

Ite' paid to Mr Marshall, scholemaster xiiii*li.*
Ite' to Phillip Best, ussher vi*li.*
Ite' to the lord's rent xii*d.*
Ite' paid to Mr Clent x*s.*
The remainder paid to Mr Marshall towards his being sick.
So there remaineth to this accountant ii*s.* iiii*d.*

1623. THE ACCOMPTE of Thomas Best collecter take' the 2nd daye of March 1623.

Rec'. Inp^r^ Received of the Rents of the schole 20*li.*
Ite' Received of Rychard Thorn for ffald wood xii*d.*
Ite' for an elme sold to Thomas best 2*s.*
Ite' for an oke sold to him lykewise 2*s.* 8*d.*
Ite' for an oke sold to Edward Smyth v*s.*
Ite' for a stubb sold xx*d.*
Ite' for the cropp of an elme vi*d.*
THE SUM LAID OUT 20*li.* 15*s.* x*d.*

Laid out. Inp. Laid out to Mr Marshall scholemaste^r^ xiiii*li.*
Ite' to Phillip Best ussher vi*li.*
Ite' spent in going twise to view Walker's house in Kederminster

Ite' laid out at the sealinge of Edward Drought his lease xvi*d.*
Ite' laid out for croppinge the schole wood and for drinke for the carriage thereof xii*d.*
Ite' for Tyle and for Lyme and workmanshipp in layinge the same xii*s.* i*d.*

THE SUME xx*li.* xv*s.* x*d.*

Remaininge in this Accomptant's Debt iii*s.*

At what tyme John Thacher was appointed collector for the yeare followinge.

1624 and **1625**. THE ACCOUNT of John Thacher collector of the schoole Rents of Hartlebury for the yeares 1624 and 1625.

Rs. Inp[s] Receaved of Rents the sume of xl*li.*
Ite' for a harriott for the death of Phillis Smith xl*s.*
Ite' for a harriott for exchange of Highwaies Lease xl*s.*
Ite' for a stub tree sold to Richerd Thorne ii*s.*

SUMA xliiii*li.* ii*s.*

Layd out. Inp[s] payd to M[r] Marshall schoolem[r] for two yeares xxviii*li.*
Ite' payd to Phillip Best usher for two yeares xii*li.*
Ite' spent on them that carried wood for the scholle viii*d.*
Ite' payd to Humfrey Smith for cropping wood and falling a sapling to make lathe for the schoole ii*s.*
Ite' payd to James Higgs for squareing the tree ix*d.*
Ite' payd for the Lord's Rent xii*d.*
Ite' payd George Drought for mending the schoolehouse i*s.* 10*d.*
Ite'm layd out in going to Kid'minst[r] to M[r] Corfeild about Walker's Lease ii*s.* xi*d.*
Ite' our expenses the same day being 4 of us ii*s.* iii*d.*
Ite' spent the xth day after Christmas about Walker's Lease ii*d.*
Ite' for 7 C of tiles for the schoole x*s.* ii*d.*
Ite' payd to Richard Gardiner for carriadge ii*s.*
Ite' payd for nailes for the schoole i*s.* vii*d.*
Ite' payd to Tho. Best due on his account the yeare before iii*s.*
Ite' spent at Tho. Harward's at a meeting of the ffeoffes viii*d.*

Ite' spent going to speake with Mr Chelingth[1] about Walker's Lease vid.
Ite' payd to William Best for two loade of lime vs. viiid.
Ite' payd for our Din'er on Ashwenesday iis.
Ite' payd to John Jackso' for tileing &c. ixs.
Ite' payd to John ffidkin for carriadge for Clay iiiid.
Ite' payd to Timo' Cowell going to Mr Button vid.
Ite' layd out the June meeting about our ffeoffement is. viiid.
Ite' payd to Mr Corfeild for draweing the ffeoffement xxs.
Ite' payd to Will Asto' for cropping wood vid.
Ite' payd to William Wheeler for carriadge of wood xxd.
Ite' for mending a hinge and locke of the schoole dore iiid.
Ite' spent by 4 ffeoffes at Kithermi'ster about Walker's house iiis. xd.
Ite' layd out to make the schoole rent out xlli. iis. vid.

SUMA xliiili. xviis. viiid.

Remaineth in the collector's hands iiiis. iiiid.

Walter Dunne is chosen collector for the next yeare.

1627. THE ACCOMPT of Walter Dun, collector of the schole Rents of Hartlebury for the year of our Lord 1627 as followeth—

Inps Received of the Rents the sume of xxli.

Wherof paid to Mr Marshall scholemaster xiiili.
Ite' payd to the usher vili.
Ite' to the Lord's rent xiid.
Ite' layd out at his entry in the house iis. viiid.
Ite' spent in surveying the ground viiid.
Ite' paid for croppeinge the schole wood viiid.
Ite' paid for a locke & for mending the schole table ixd.
The Rent paid there Remaineth to the schole collector vs. ixd.

And they have chosen collector for the yeare next following Thomas Mychell.

[1] Chellingworth.

1628. THE ACCOMPT of Thomas Mychell Collector of the Rents and Revenues of the free Grammer schole of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury h^d & m^d[1] the xviii^th day of ffebruary 1628, as followeth.

Inp^s Received of the Rents belongingc to the schole the sume of xx*li.*

Whereof paid to the scholemaister for this year	xiiii*li.*
Ite' paid to the Usher for this year lykewise	vi*li.*
Ite' for croppinge the wood to Humfrey Smith	viii*d.*
Ite' to the Lord's Rent	xii*d.*
Ite' paid to Thos. Skyler for carryinge of wood	vii*d.*

So remayneth to this Collector unpayd	ii*s.* iii*d.*
behind wth Mr Clent's Rent for mytton	vi*d.*

And they havec hosen for their Collector to serve for this p'sent yeare John Best of norchard the elder.

1629. THE ACCOMPT of John Best Collector of the Rentes of the free gramer skoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartellberry in the yeare of o^r Lord God 1629.

Receaved of the same Rentes the sum of xx*li.*

Inprimis paied to Mr Marshall for the first qua'	iii*li.* x*s.*
Ite' paied to him att his goinge away	xl*s.*
Ite' to the usshir owt of the same quar.	xv*s.*
Item paied to Mr Bromly skoole master for half a yeare	vii*li.*
It^m paied to the Usshar for this yeare	6*li.*
It^m paied to Edward Drought for thornes to fence the skoolemastar's close	iii*s.*
Item for fetchinge home of the same thornes	x*d.*
It'm to Humfrey Smyth for thining the cloce	xx*d.*
Ite' paied to the Balif for cheef Rentes	xii*d.*

[1] Had and made.

Ite' paied more to Humfry Smyth for croppinge the skoole wood	viii*d.*
Ite' spent on them that brought home the wod	xvi*d.*
Ite' paied to Asson for windinge rods	vi*d.*
Ite' paied for fallinge two trees in the skoole howse close	ii*s.*
Remaynninge of this of 20*li.*	iiii*s.*

And they have chossen for thayer collector to serve for this p'sent yeare followinge James Pratteltun.

1630. THE ACCOMPT of James Prattellton collector of the Rents & Revenues of the free Gram'ar schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartellbury in the yeare of o^r^ Lord God 1630.

Reseaved of the schoole Rent	20*li.* 6*d.*
reseaved by the same Collector for in mone' and wod sowld	4*li.* 18*s.* 4*d.*
Inprimis Paid oute of this som to the schole master & Ussher	19*li.*
Ite' laid forthe for reparinge of the howse and other usses	4*li.* 18*s.* 9*d.*

M^d^ that the xx*s.* whereof Mr Bromley was this yere shortned of his wages was p'te of the sum layd out by the same Collector beinge his disbursement beinge 4*li.* 18*s.* 9*d.*

And they have chosen for their Collector for this yere followinge John fytkyn.

1631. THE ACCOMPT OF John ffittkin collector of the rents and revenues of the free Gram'ar Schoole of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the yeare of our Lord God 1631.

Received of the schoole rents	20*li.* ii*d.*
Paid to the schoolemaster and usher	20*li.*
Paid to William Wheellar for my lord's rentt	12*a.*
Paid to Davy for cropping the wood	8*d.*

More paid to them for to drinke when they brought home the wood 4*d.*

Soe remaineth to this accompt 12*d.*

And they have chosen for theyr collector for this yeare following Urban Ayre.

1632. THE ACCOMPT[1] of Urban Eyre collector of the rents and revenues of the free Gram'ar Schoole of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the yeare of o^r^ Lord God 1632.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Receaved of ye schoole rents	20	0	ii
Paid to the schoolem^r^ and usher	20	0	0
Paid to William Wheeller for my lord's rent	0	0	12
Sould to John Wall foure trees	1	4	0
Sould to Thomas Andrews one elme	0	6	6
Receaved of Robert Best for a fine	1	0	0
Paid to Mr Bromlie mony which was owing him	1	0	0
Paid to Phillipp Best concerning Lamb	1	5	0
For glasing the schoolem^rs^ windows	0	5	6
Left unpaid for ye writting of ye Charter 4*s.* 4*d.*			
Sould to Thomas Skiller two crope and one plump tree	0	ii	0
Laid forth at Kiderminster when we went about o^r^ Charter	0	3	0
For two horselode of coles	0	2	6
Paid to John Fidkin	0	i	i
Paid forth of my purse	0	0	6
Spent upon them that brought A lode of wod	0	0	4
Paid to Humphry Sothall for falling the wod	0	0	8
Spent upon the ffeoffees	0	0	6

And they have chosen for their collect' for this yeare following Mr Samuell Manning[2].

[1] This account is curiously mixed.

[2] "1633. Samuell Manning, gentleman, was buryed the 12th of ffeb^y^ anno p^r^ dict." (*Hartlebury Register.*) His death may account for there being no entries in 1633.

He left in his will five and a half acres of land at Droitwich to the poor of Hartlebury. The proceeds are given away yearly on S. Thomas' Day.

1634. WILLIA' MANNING'S[1] accompt 1634.

Inpr. Receaved of Thomas Skiller for 2 litle elmes one hollow ash and one stubb oack 16*s.*

Ite'. Receaved of Thomas Manning for a litle house 16*s.*

Ite'. Receaved of Humphrie Norris for 4 burr oackes i*li.* 4*s.*

SUM ii*li.* 16*s.*

Paied to Roberd Wurd for work done to ye schoole 16*s.*

Paied and spent for carring three lodes of wodd for ye schoole 3*s.* vi*d.*

Paied to Henrie Palmar for cropping of ye wodd and for one axe 1*s.* 8*d.*

Paied to ye glashier 16*s.*

Spent going to Rushock 3 times ii*s.*

Spent when we sowld ye howse ii*s.*

Paied to Widdow Streete i*s.*

Paied to Robert Wurd for his nailes and his work vi*d.*

SUM 44*s.* 8*d.*

And they have chosen for their collector for the yeare 1635 Walter Thatcher.

Left unto the usher unpaied 3*s.*

1635. THE ACCOMT of Walter Thatcher, Collector of the rents and revenues of the free Gramer Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the yeare of our Lord God 1635.

Recepts. Inpr : Received of the Tenants thereunto belonginge the sume of 20*li.*

Received of Anthony Acton for wood that I sould the sume of 1*li.* 2*s.*

Received of William Man'ing the p^r^cedent collector the sume of x*s.*

21*li.* 12*s.*

[1] In place of Samuel Manning deceased. The account is very imperfect.

Disburstme'ts.	*li.*	*s.*	*d.*
Payd to M[r] Bromley	14	0	0
Payd to the usher	6	0	0
Payd to James Prattentome	1	5	0
Payd to Will: Best for coales	0	2	4
Payd to Thomas Hutton for a dayes worke in M[r] Man'inges time	0	0	10
Payd for bringing a load of wood to the schoole	0	0	10
Payd for dawbeing a wall	0	0	4
Payd for cheife rent	0	1	0
	21	10	4

Thomas Skiller Collector for this yeere following being the yeere 1636.

Thomas Skiler hath 5*s.* in his hands.

1636. THE ACOMPTE of Thomas Skiller collector of the rents and revenues of the free Gra'er Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the yeere of o[r] lord God 1636.

Inp[r] Received of the Tenants belonging to the schoole the sume of 20*li.* 11*d.*

It' Received of Walter Thatcher of money w[ch] he was to pay uppon his accompt the sume of 4*s.* 8*d.*

It' Received of Wid' Maning for a horriot the sume of 4*s.* in p'te iiii*li.*

SUMA TOTALIS 21*li.* 5*s.* 11*d.*

Disburstments.	
Inp[r] payd to M[r] Bromley	14*li.*
Payd to the Usher	6*li.*
Payd for ale on ashwednesday	6*d.*
Spent when we went about the hurriot	1*s.* 9*d.*
Payd for cropping wood	1*s.*
Payd for mending a bord	6*d.*
Payd for a lock for the schoole doore	1*s.* 2*d.*
Payd for a new key	6*d.*
Payd for mending the windowes	8*d.*
Payd for carriing wood to the schoole	5*s.* 4*d.*

SUMA TOTALIS 20*li.* 11*s.* 5*d.*

The sume that remaineth in his hands 1*li.* 14*s.* 2*d.*

Wee doe nominate and appoynt John ffitkyn to be collector for this yeere following 1637.

Unto whome is delivd'd the 34*s.* from Tho' Skiller also he is to receive of Edmund Smyth 3*s.* 4*d.*

Likewise he is to receive of Wid' Maning 36*s.* 8*d.*

It is agreed That William Wheeler James Prattentonne Mr Collector and Walt' Thatcher shall goe and survey the land and houses belonging to the schoole before St John Baptist day next insuing and make a Terrior thereof of the states they stand in concurning reparacons and returne it uppon ashwednesday following.

1637. THE ACCOUNT of John ffidkyn Collector of ye free Gram'er Schoole of Hartlebury 1637.

Receits. Received for ye Rents belonging to ye schoole 20*li.* ii*d.*

Received of ye old Collector and ye Wid: Maninge 3*li.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

SUMA TOTALIS 3*li.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

Disbursted. To ye Schoolemaster & Usher 20*li.*

Payd to ye Usher 10*s.*

Payd to Mr Bromley 11*s.* 8*d.*

Payd to Will: Mate 7*s.* 4*d.*

Payd to Margarett Cobbe 5*s.*

Payd to Mr Eyre for ye writting of ye Charter[1] 4*s.* 4*d.*

Payd for my Lords rent for two yeeres 2*s.*

Payd for ye schoole doore key 4*d.*

SUMA TOTALIS 22*li.* 8*d.*

M^d^ To rank to Wm Mate for an accompt of 7s. 4d. wch was allowed for lyme left in his custodye. by him to be annsw'ed.

There remaineth in his hands 31*s.* 7*d.* to be delivered to ye next Collector of wch payd to the usher in p'te of an ould reckonige due to him from the schoole x*s.*

Soe rem: xxi*s.* 7*d.*

[1] Two copies of the Charter were found in the chest in the vestry, extremely well written.

The ffeoffees heereafter named[1] doe nomynate Walter Thatcher to be Collect'r for this Insueing yeare.

Ja: Button	John Thacher	John ffitkin
Urban Eyre		Will. Maning
William Wheler		James Prattenton

Deliv^d unto Walter Thatcher by the late Collect^r xxi*s.* vii*d.*
also he is to Receyve of Edmund Smith for wood iii*s.* iii*d.*
SUMA xxiiii*s.* xi*d.*

besydes Wm Mate for Lyme } The rent in his chardg' xiiii*li.* xi*d.*
TOT xv*li.* v*s.* x*d.*

Whereof payd to Margarett Cobbe for this dayes p'vison iii*s.* iiii*d.*

More allowed him uppon a p'ticular accompt of divers things to him allowed wch the Schoolm^rs wages for this last yeare were to end at O^r Ladye Day next 1639 to make that iii*s.* iiii*d.* to amount to xiii*li.* xiii*s.* ii*d.*

Soe Remayneth in his hands xi*s.* x*d.*

Whereof he payd of an arrear to Mr Button ii*s.*

M^d that the Usher receyved his whole yeare's wages being vi*li. the same fully of Tho. Harward's rent being* vi*li.*

paid to Margarett Cobb out of the foresaid sume of xi*s.* 6*d.* uppon Ashwednesday 1638 xi*s.* 6*d.*

There is nowe named to be Collect^r for this next yeare John Beast the yonger of Norchard.

It' here remayneth unpayd to this Collect^r 1*s.* 8*d.*

Ja: Button	William Wheeler
Urban Eyre	Will. Manninge
John Best, Sen.	
Walter Thacher	
John Thatcher	
James Prattenton	
John ffidkin	
Tho. Skiller	

[1] The accounts had not been signed by any of the Governors for 30 years.

ANO R. CAROLI XV° **1639**. THE ACCOMPT of John Best of Norchard the younger being Collect^r of the Rents and Revenues of the free gram'er schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury for the yeare aforesaid.

Receipt. Receaved of the Rents belonging to the foresayd school 20*li.* xi*s.*

Disbursm^ts. paid to the schoolem^r and usher 20*li.*
paid to William Best of Warselie by the consent of the ffeoffees the some 11*s.*
paid for the Lords Rent 1*s.*
paid to William Acton for two locks 1*s.* 4*d.*
There remayneth due to John Best afores^d 5*d.*

And they the ffeoffees of the schoole aforesaid have chosen for their colect^r William Wheeleer for this year following—

Remayning in the hands of William Wheeler the new Collect^r 3*li.*

John ffidkin 1639 Urban Eyre signed + William Manning John Best Walter Thacher John Best James Prattenton John Thacher.

1640. THE ACCOUNTS of William Wheler collector of ye rents and Revenues of the free Gram'er schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury.

Receits. Received of ye Rents belonging to ye said schoole xx*li.* xi*s.*

Disburst. Payd to ye schoole Master and Usher xx*li.*
Payd to James Prattenton iiii*s.* viii*d.*
Payd to ye old collector v*d.*
Payd to John Best, sc^r vi*d.*
Payd to Mr Eyre vi*d.*
Payd to Walter Thatcher i*s.* viii*d.*
Given to the Widow Norris ii*s.*
Payd to Sr John for coales ii*s.*
Payd to ye usher x*s.*
Payd for drinke x*d.*
Payd for cropinge ye wood vi*d.*
Spent on John Wall when he brought wood iiii*d.*
Payd for fetching a load of wood i*s.*
for croping and fetching a sleadfull of wood viii*d.*

Payd for hookes and hinge and a locke	i*s.* ii*d.*
Payd for making two keyes and mending a locke and making a staple	i*s.*
For boards and nayles to make a doore	ii*s.* iiii*d.*
For making ye doore and ye wall	viii*d.*
Payd to William Best for lyme	iiii*s.* viii*d.*
payd for ye lord's rent	i*s.*
Payd for studing, winding and dawbing ye wall	i*s.*
For coales	iii*d.*
Payd to John Best, ju.	x*d.*
Spent by William Wheler John ffidkin and John Best when wee went to survey ye schoole ground	i*s.*
For bread and drinke	i*s.*

SUMA ii*li.* x*d.*

Wee ffeoffees whose names are underwritten doe nominate and make choyse of Urban Eyre to bee collector for this yeere following and he the said Urban Eyre is to seaze of a herriott due to us by ye death of William Maning and there is remaining in ye said collector's hand xv*s.*

James Prattenton	John Thacher
Waltor Thacher	John Best
John Best	

1641. THE ACCOUNTS of Urban Eyre gent. collector of ye free Gram'er Schoole of Hartlebury 1641.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Layd forth on Ashwednesday	0	1	0
Layd forth ye 11 of March at ye Inn	0	1	0
Layd forth ye 29 of March at ye Inn[1]	0	7	6
Layd forth Aprill ye 2 at John Coobes	0	2	5
Layd forth Aprill ye 19 at Tho' Smyth	0	0	3
Layd forth Aprill ye 20 at Kidderminster when wee went to ye com'ission	0	2	0
Layd forth Aprill 28 at John Cobb's	0	0	3

[1] Notice the amount spent this year at various inns. The poor usher seems to have received nothing.

	li.	s.	d.
Spent at John Cobb's after wee had done at ye churce ye same day	0	1	4
At ye same time for spice	0	0	4
The lord's rent	0	1	0
For felling and cleaving wood	0	2	8
For carring ye wood	0	5	0
Payd to Mr Bromlie	14	0	0
Receipts.			
Receaved of the schoole rents	14	0	11
Making the rent due from Whitlinge for lillies land wch is	0	12	0

The new Collector hath received of Mr Eyre 2*li.* 8*s.* 5*d.* and 12*s.* more is to receive for lilies rent and wee nominate for Collector John Best sc'.

1642. THE ACCOUNT of John Best sc^r collector of ye free Gram'er Schoole of Hartlebury 1642.

	li.	s.	d.
Impr. Spent by Willia' Wheler and my selfe when wee lowed out ye wood	0	0	6
spent when wee p' used ye writting	0	0	8
for croping ye wood and faggotting some of it	0	1	4
for making a key and mending a locke	0	0	8
for carrying three load of wood	0	4	3
spent when I fetched ye writting fro' Worcest.	0	1	0
spent in going three severall times to Kidderminster to gather up ye rent	0	0	6
spent when ye meeting of ye wid. Manning and John Manning was	0	2	0
payd for Willia' Manning's land for rent that they did not pay	0	12	0
payd to a Counseller for his fee	0	10	0
spent at ye same time	0	5	6
Laid out towards ye repayre of ye litle schoole house	0	4	6
to Mar. Manning	0	1	0
to Anne Smith for drinke	0	2	2
for spice	0	0	4
payd for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0

Wee nominate for collector this yeere following James Prattenton.

Lillies rent behind for two yeeres, the new collector hath received of ye old collector one shilling.

1643. THE ACCOUMPT of James Prattenten Colector of the Rents of the free Gram'er Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury An'o D'ni 1643.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Inprimis. Disbur^mts paied to Mr Bromelie	14	0	0
to Emannuell Ives[1]	6	0	0
to Thomas Wall's wife for Mr Bromlie	0	1	0
spent when wee sealed the widow Norris her lease	0	3	0
for nayles and mending a hinge for schoole dore	0	0	4
paid for 4 horse lode of Dele	0	4	8
paid for my lord's Rent	0	1	0
spent when I went to gather the Rent	0	0	6
THE SOME DISBURSED	20	10	6

Receaved of the Schoole Rents in all 19*li.* 17*s.* 5*d.*
and there was left unpaid by John Manning of Witlenge for his rent for Lylies land 12*s.*
wch 12*s.* is not any p'te of the foresame some of 19*li.* 17*s.* 5*d.*
Soe that there is due to me uppon this Accoumpt not having John Manning's Rent being 12*s.* 13*s.* 1*d.*
besides what I laide forth this day wch is 2*s.* 8*d.*
Soe in all there is due to me 15*s.* 7*d.*

I now paide to the new Collecter for ye yeare following 3*li.* 14*s.* 5*d.* out of 4*li.* 10*s.* that I receaved for a fine of the Widow Norris this yeare last past.

And the ffeoffoes for this yeare following doe chuse for their collector John ffidkine. The new Collector hath receaved of the old collector 3*li.* 14*s.* 5*d.*

[1] "Emanuell Ives Clark of Hartlebury was buried the 18th day of May, 1660." (*Hartlebury Register.*)

The rent for Whitlinge land called lillies land behind for three years.

The whole rents of the schoole amounts to with the rent of Lillies Land 20*li.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

U. Eyre	James Prattenton
John Best	Walter Thacher
John Thacher	William Wheller

1644. THE ACCOUNT of John ffidkin, collector for ye free Gram'ar Schoole of Hartleburye 1644.

	li.	*s.*	*d*
Imp^r^. Received of ye rents of ye said schoole the sum of	19	19	5
Imp^r^. Payd to ye schoolemaster and ye usher ye sume of	20	0	0
Item payd for ye lord's rent	0	1	0
Item payd for ye repayres about ye schoole	0	3	7
Item for ye repayres about ye schoole house	0	1	0
Item payd for a Tunne of coales	0	7	6
Item spent	0	2	6
There remaineth to the next Collector	2	19	3

1645. THE ACCOUNTS of John Donne and John ffidkin Collectors for the free Gram'ar schoole of Hartleburye 1645.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imp^r^. Received of ye rents of ye said schoole the sum of	19	19	5
Item received for wood that was sould	0	15	0
	20	14	5

Item payd to ye schoolemaster and Usher the sume of	20	0	0
Item payd for loping wood, and bringing it home, and mending ye schole walles	0	3	4
Item payd for two lockes	0	3	3
Item payd for brickes and mending ye hearth	0	1	3
Item for mending ye church window	0	0	10
Item for ye lord's rent	0	1	0
Item spent at this p^r^sent	0	1	6
	20	11	2

	li.	s.	d.
There doth remaine to ye next Collector	0	3	4
Item Thomas Harward oweth	2	15	0
Item John Best se' oweth	0	4	0

ffebruary ye 11th 1645.

Wee whose names are subscribed doe nominate Hugh Pooler to bee Collector for this yeere following.

And also ye same day wee doe expell and exclude Mr Timothy Bromley High Schoolemaster of ye free Gram'ar Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartleburye fro' there entring, teaching or educating, and in his place and steed do nominate and appoynt John Best M^r of the Arts.

Urban Eyre	John Donne	John Tumbling
John Pooler	Walter Thacher	Anthony Ballard
James Prattenton	John Thacher	John Best
John Best	Edward Harper	Robert Ballard
Simon Uphmore	Hugh Poller	
	Willia' Hyll	

1644. *Hartlebury ff.* Decimo sexto Die Septembrii An'o Regini Dni. ur: Caroli nunc Regis Anglae etc. vicesimo Anoq. D'ni 1644.

Urban Eyre
John ffidkin
John Thacher
Walter Thacher
John Best, Senr
John Best, Junr
Thomas Skiller
James Prattenton
Willm Best
Willm Maning
William Wheller
} Jur.

MEMORAND^m that the Gov^rs afforesaid of ye free Gram'er schoole of Queene Elizab^th in Hartlebury doe elect & nomi^te these

p'isson^{rs} whose names are subscribed to be Gov^{rs} togeather wth the said surviving govern^{rs}.

Viz.	William Hunt	Jur.
	John Dunne Ju^{r}	
	Symon Ufmore	
	Willm Hill	
	Hugh Pooler	
	Anthony Ballard	
	Robert Ballard	
	John Tomlins	
	Edward Cartwright	
	Al's Harper.	

23° Die Septembris 1644.

All wch said new Gov^{rs} were alsoe sworne by the Right Reverend ffather in God John [1] Lord Bishop of Worcester the day & yeare aforesaid.

The names of all those wch be Gov^{rs} of the free Gram'er schoole & possessions Revenues and Goods of the free Gram'er schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the County of Worcester.

Urban Eyre	Jur.	Robert Ballard	Jur.
William Hunt		John Tomlins	
John Dunne		Willm Hill	
William Best		John Best Ju^{r}	
Hugh Pooler		Edward Cartwright	
William Wheller		Al's Harper	
Thomas Skeller		John Thacher	
John ffidkin		John Thacher	
Anthonie Ballard		John Best sen^{r}	
James Prattendon		Walter Thacher	
Symon Uffmore		Willm Manning	

Memorand' q'd Die et Anno suprad' pred' Will'us Mannynge existen' unus Gouburnatoru' Scola' pred' recusavit exercere officiu' suu' pred' p'pter debilitatem corporis sui. I'o [2] Joh'es Pooler electus est in loco suo et jur.

[1] John Prideaux, who was deprived at the Rebellion and died in great poverty

[2] Ideo.

1646. THE ACCOUNTS of John Donne collector for ye free Gram'er schoole in Hartlebury 1646.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imp^r received for ye rent of the said schoole	19	18	6
Item received of money of ye old Collector and for wood sold	5	9	0
	25	7	6

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imp^r payd to ye schoolemasters	20	0	0
It'm given to Mr Bromley to carry him to Worcester	0	5	0
It'm payd to ffrancis Harris and his man for iiii dayes worke about ye schoolemaster's house	0	8	0
payd to ffranc. Harris for going to Beawdley to buy boards for the schoole house	0	1	0
Payd for vii burthen of rods to mend ye walles and for bringing them thither	0	6	0
Payd for coales for ye schoole	0	11	6
Payd for boards and ledges for ye schoole house doores	0	5	0
Payd for nayles	0	0	8
Payd to ffranc Harris and his man for making ye doores	0	2	0
Payd for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0
	21	19	8

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
There doth remaine in my hand to bee delivered to ye next Collector	3	14	0
John Whoper is to pay for ii trees (Edw' Harper doth p'mise ye payment)	0	4	0

John Harward for falling a young tree without licence.

Wee nominate and appoint Walter Thatcher Collector.

John Donne
John Best Sen.
John ffidkin
James Prattenton
Hugh Poller
John Thacher
John Best Jun.
Simon Uphmore
Edward Cartrit
John Best
Urban Eyre
Walter Thacher

Disbursed more by John Donne the former Collector

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Inp^{r} to Mr Bromly	9	0	0
Ite' to Will Best for coales	0	2	8
Ite' to Will Best for lyme	0	5	0
Ite' to ffrancis Harris for hanging the doore	0	2	0
Ite' for nayles	0	0	3
Ite' to the masons for 8 days worke	0	16	0
Ite' to Mr Bromly late schoolem^{r}	0	10	0
Ite' to William Best for more coales	0	6	8
Ite' in Symon Uffemore's time for coales	0	6	8
	3	9	3

1647. THE ACCOUNTS of Walter Thatcher, Collector of ye free Gram'ar Schoole of Hartleburie 1647.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imp^{r} received for ye rent of ye said schoole	21	0	11
Imp^{r} payd to ye Schoolemaster and Usher	20	0	0
Item given to Mr Bromley	0	10	0
Item payd for winding and daubing the schoole walls	0	2	9
Item payd for a lock for ye schoole chamber doore	0	1	0

	li.	s.	d.
Item payd for mending ye locke of ye schoole doore and for a hooke for ye doore	0	0	7
Item payd for ye cheife rent	0	1	0
Item received for arrears of rent of John Maning	1	0	0
	21	15	4

There is to be delivered in money to ye next Collector	22*s.* 10*d.*
From Walter Thatcher	1*s.* 5*d.*
From John Donne	11*s.* 5*d.*

Wee nominate Simon Uphmoore for Collector this pr'sent yeere 1647.

Walter Thacher
John Donne
William Wheler
Hugh Pooler
Urban Eyre
John Best

1648. ffebruary ye 7 1648.

Simon Uphmore Collector of ye free schoole of Hartleburie made his account ye day abovesaid.

	li.	s.	d.
Hee received	20	11	4
Hee disbursted	20	12	9
There is owing to him		1	5

Wee whose names are subscribed doe nominate for Collector for ye said schoole this yeere following.

John Pooler Gent.
Symon Uphmore
Urban Eyre
John Donne
Walter Thatcher
James Prattenton
John ffidkin
Hugh Pooler
John Tomlins
John Best
John Thatcher
Willia' Wheler
Anthony Ballard

1649. THE ACCOUNT of John Pooler Collector for the Schoole Rents in An'o Dom'ni 1649.

Rec'd. For the Schoole rents this p^r^sent yeare	*li.*	*s.*	*d.*
Of John Harward	6	0	0
Of Widdo Morris	4	10	0
Of John Wall	1	0	0
More for tinefields	1	2	6
Of Edmund Smith for p't of the base grounds	1	13	4
Of Edmund Smith for the perrymill ground	0	6	8
Of Thomas Gardner for the base	1	6	8
Of Mr Clent's lands	1	0	0
Of John Hopkins	0	11	3
Of William Segar	0	1	6
Of John Cobbe	0	1	6
Of William Prattenton	0	2	1
Of William Best	0	12	0
Of Robert Best	0	1	0
Of Mr Urban Eyre	0	1	0
Of John Harward for Chantry meadow	0	11	3
Of John Maning Senio^r^	0	12	0
Of John Maning Junio^r^	1	0	0
Of Edward Best	0	0	2
	20	12	11

Received more	*li.*	*s.*	*d.*
Of Hugh Pooler for a tree	0	10	0
Of John Wall for Cropp wood	0	9	0
Of ffrancis Hanbury for Cropp wood	0	10	0
Of Thomas Southwall for Croppe wood	0	6	0
Of Thomas Hardiman for Croppe wood	0	4	0
Sould to Mr Lowe for 16 oakes	5	0	0
Of ffrancys Hanbury for 3 old trees	1	4	0
Of Tho' Hardiman for three ould trees	0	16	0
Of Phillip Skyler for 6 elmes and one ould oake	2	0	6
	10	9	6

	li.	s.	d.
Payd to the Schoolemasters	20	0	0
Payd for repairs of the Schoole house and the Schoolemaster's house	12	14	0

	li.	s.	d.
Rec. for rents	20	12	11
for trees and wood	10	9	6
	31	2	5
Rec. more for arreares of John Maning's rents	2	0	0

	li.	s.	d.
The Receytes	33	2	5
The disbursements	32	14	0
Due from the Accountants	00	8	5

M^dr^ Twenty shillings remaining in the hands of John Maninge of Whitlinge to be payd to John pooler the Accountant.

James Prattenton
Walter Thacher
John Tomblins
John Thacher
Hugh Poller
Simon Uphmore
Anthony Ballard

And we whose names are subscribed do nominate and choose John Tomblinge to be Collector for the yeare following
27° ffeb. 1649
John Pooler

Disbursed by John pooler Collector aforesayd as followeth

	li.	s.	d.
Inp. to Will Best for a horse load of coales	0	1	4
for one thousand tyles	0	16	8
for Carriadge of them	0	5	0
to John Jackson and his sonne and his man for 5 dayes work in tileing the schoole	0	13	0
for carriage of clay and sand	0	2	0
for poules for studds ease poules and windings and carriadge of them	0	6	0
for lime lath and nailes	1	0	7
to a man to studd and winde walls	0	0	10

	li.	s.	d.
for a thousand and halfe of nayles	0	3	9
for another thousand tiles	0	16	8
for carriadge of them	0	5	0
for clay and sand carriadge	0	1	6
for more ease poules and workemanshippe	0	5	0
for one thousand tiles more	0	16	8
for carriadge of them and sand	0	5	6
To both the Jacksons and their three men for 6 dayes work	1	8	0
To William Best for lyme, lath, nailes and haire	1	13	7
for one thousand of tyles more from tittowne [1]	0	16	8
for carriadge of them	0	5	0
for nayles more	0	1	6
for two hundred of bricke	0	3	4
for carriadge of them	0	1	4
to the masons for three dayes worke more and their men	0	14	0
for more lime	0	2	0
for glaseing 4 windowes about the schoole	0	14	6
for a bundle of lath about the window	0	0	8
for two dayes work about the windows and nailes	0	2	0
for the cheife lord's rent	0	1	0
	12	14	0

1650. THE ACCOUNT of John Tombins Collector for ye free Gram'er Schoole of Hartleburie 1650.

	li.	s.	d.
Impr. received of ye school rents	20	12	11
Item rec. of Mr Donne in arrears	0	3	8
THE SUME IS	20	16	7
Impr. disbursted to ye schoolem^rs^	20	0	0
To Mr Wythe	0	10	0
for cutting wood for ye schoole	0	0	6
for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0
In ale for them that carried ye wood	0	1	0
for mending a locke	0	0	4
THE SUME IS	20	12	10

[1] Titton, a hamlet of Hartlebury.

1651. THE ACCOUNT of Edward Harper Collector of ye free Gram'ar Schoole of Hartleburie 1651.

	ll.	s.	d.
Imp^r^. received of ye schoole rents	20	12	6
Imp^r^. Disbursted to ye scholem^rs^	20	0	0
payd for carrying wood to ye schoole	0	0	8
Spent when we fetched ye wood home	0	2	0
for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0
for ii dayes worke about ye schoole	0	2	0
for halfe a hundred of nayles	0	0	4
for a locke and stapel for ye schoole doore	0	1	5
for ii load of coles	0	2	10
for carrying old timber into ye schoole	0	0	6
Disbursted	20	10	9
Remaineth in my hand	0	1	9

Wee whose names are subscribed doe nominate for Collector for this yeere following Willia' Hyll.

[The Accounts of 1652, 1653, and 1654 are missing.]

THE LAST OF FFEBRUARY 1654.

Whereas uppon the Request of the Com^rs^ for charitable uses yt was under the greate seal of England inter al' decreed that such schoolemaster as should be hereafter chosen for the free schoole of Hartlebury should not bee setled or displaced without the approbation of such mynysters as shalbe Resident at Hartlebury Kitterminster and Ribsford or two of them and now whereas Mr Walter Pooler[1] is this p'sent day comended to the sayd free schoole by us Thomas Wright[2] mynister of Hartlebury and John Boraston[3] mynyster of Ribsford as a fytt man wee doe therefore under our handes p'myse to and with the ffeoffees of the free schoole aforesayd

[1] "Buried 1661, Sept. 4, Mr. Walter Pooler, Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford." (*Ribbesford Registers.*)

[2] A Presbyterian who was put into the Rectory by the Parliament Committee. When he was ejected at the Restoration he conformed, although he said he would rather be dragged to pieces by wild horses than use the Prayer-Book, became a loyal subject, and was made Rector of Great Witley, where he died in 1701, aged 84.

[3] Rector of Ribbesford, 1630 — 1688. "He was an ardent Royalist, and it is rather surprising that he was permitted to retain his benefice throughout the Commonwealth. He was made Preb. of Hereford 1673; died 1688, aged 85." (*Burton's History of Bewdley.*)

that in case thirteene of the sayd ffeoffees shall at any tyme desire us or eyther of us to give o^r consent for the displaceinge of the sayd Mr Pooler beeinge now admytted Schoolemaster at o^r request that wee will consent thereto and assist them therein soe far as in us or in eyther of us shall lye or in case that some of the sayd ffeoffees shalbe dead before our consent shalbe soe required that then wee will joyne our consent wth the major part of the survivors of them for such his displaceing unlesse yt shalbe made appeare to Mr Baxter[1] now mynister of Kitterminster Mr Dedicote mynister and schoolemaster of Abberly and Mr Toy schoolemaster of Walsall that such desire of the ffeoffees to displace the said Mr Pooler is not uppon just groundes and that they signify soe much under theyr handes and seales. Wittnesse our handes the daye and yeare abovesaid.

Tho. Wright John Borastone.

In consideration of which promise wee whose names are subscribed doe consent that the above named Mr Walter Pooler bee admitted Cheif Schoolemaster & that he have the salarye for his paynes as Mr Soley had hee payinge Mr Dalby the remaynder of the money which Mr Soley was bound to pay and also satysfyinge Mr Soley for his paynes dewe for teachinge the schoole & gevinge him reasonable Content towards repayres already layd out by him hee geveinge up his securyty for the xx*s.* a yeare or assyneinge yt over to Mr Pooler.

Robert Willmott Walter Thacher
John Donne Ger. Wheeler
John ffidkin John Bourne
Anthony Ballard X his marke
William Tomlins X his marke
Edward Cartrit. als. Harpur
John Poller Hugh Poller.

1654. THE ACCOUNPT of Robert Willmott, collector for the yeare last past made the last of february 1654.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
John Harward	013	00	00
Widdow Norryes	08	00	00
Jo. Maninge	06	02	00

[1] The celebrated Richard Baxter.

	li.	s.	d.
Tho. Gardner	03	06	08
Jo. Wall	04	00	00
Humfrey Maninge	00	11	03
Mr Clent	02	00	00
Edmond Smith	02	17	06
Mr Clent			
Hos Hopkis	01	00	00
John Cob	00	08	00
Best Kit	02	00	00
Wm Pratenton	00	01	01
Segar	00	02	06
43 9 0			
Reste wch Maninge owes or denyes	00	11	00
wch Mr Eyre was to pay	00	01	00
wid's Cay & Tolly	00	1	00
0 — 13 — 0			

Robert Willmott.

owinge to wee			
payd to Mr Soley for his salery	32	00	00
payd to Emanuel Ives	10	00	00
payd to Mr Soley for rep'cs	01	00	00
for a loade of Coales	00	08	06
43 8 6			

Robert Willmott.

payd for the lord's Rent to Mr Wheeler	00	01	00

John ffidkin Colector for the yeare followinge.

The last day of ffebr 1654 *for continuance for one year more because there is noe leases granted since ye decree nor noe business compleated concerninge ye schoole.*

We have received Robert Wilmot's account & doe nominate him collector for the next yeare we whose names are subscribed

John Donne Gervase Wheeler Sam: Eyre John ffidkin Anthony Ballard John Bourne John Smyth William Tomlins Willia' Skiller Edward Cartwright John Pooler Hugh Pooler

Forasmuch as it apeares that John Wall did gyve out words that one of the ffeoffees should not come uppon his land but yf he did hee would bringe his action agaynst him wee doe declare that hee is not fytt to have a lease sealed.

Robert Willmott.

	li.	s.	d.
Remayns due to us from M$_r$ Donne	02	08	10
Whereof there is due to Mr Soley for his last yeares Salary	01	18	06
Due to next Collectour from him	00	10	04

John Donne.

1655. THE ACCOUNT of John Donne Collectour for the year last past made the 20th day of ffebr. 1655.

Receyved from	li.	s.	d.
John Harward	13	00	00
as alsoe part of Humphr : Manning's Rent	00	11	03
Widdow Norris	08	00	00
Mr Clent	02	00	00
Tho. Gardner	03	06	08
John Manning	04	03	06
Edmund Smyth	02	17	03
John Wall	04	00	00
Willm Best of Kederm.	02	00	00
John Hopkins	01	00	00
John Cobb	00	08	00
Will. Prattenton Tolly &c.	00	02	01
Willm Seager	00	03	00
Rent due from John Manning wch is due to Mr Soley	01	18	06
SUM: TOT:	43	10	03
Payd to Mr Soley for his Salary	31	01	05
Payd to Emanuell Ives	10	00	00
Payd for school Repayres	01	14	09
Sold eleven trees and Cropps	06	00	00
Payd to Mr Soley for ye Repayres of his schoole house	04	00	00
	52	16	02

We have Receyved Mr Donne's accounts and doe nominate Allen Lye collectour for the year next ensuing.

Ordered by us y^{t} ye Collectour appoynt five trees to John Harward from ye schoole grounds towards the reparation of his dwelling house.

I consent,

Ro. Willmott

John Pooler	Anthony Ballard
Hugh Poller	Emanuell Eyre
John Bourne	William Tomblins.
Edward Harper	John Poller
Allen Lye	John Donne

1656. The Rent Roll.

	1656.		
John Harward	13	0	0
Hump : Maning	1	0	0
John Maning's rent and cheifage	0	2	0
Widd : Norris	8	0	0
Mr. Clent	2	0	0
Tho : Carver	3	6	8
John Wall	2	0	0
Phi : Maning	2	0	0
John Cobb	0	8	0
Willia' Seyer	0	3	6
John Hopkins	1	13	0
Edw : Best	0	0	2
Edmund Smythes rent and cheifage whereof *6s. 8d.* for cheiffage	2	17	8
Willia' Best of Kidderminster	2	0	0
Will : Prattenton and Tho. Tolleyes rent and cheifage	0	2	1
THE WHOLE SUME IS	43	18	1
Added to Hopkins Chantrie meadow advanc^{d} rent	0	13	0
ye whole rent	44	11	1

	li.	s.	d.
5 m'ch 89 advanced Marshall rent	00	10	0
10 *April* 1689.			
Phillip Marshall has his lease sealed and the rent payable by his lease then Sealed is	3	1	0
whole rent is m'ch 5. 89	45	00	01

THE ACCOUNT of Alaine Leigh Collector for ye Schoole of Hartlebury 1656.

Impr. received of ye schoole rent	43	15	11
It. payd to ye Schoolemaster and Usher	42	0	0
It. payd for one load of Coales	0	10	0
It. payd for writing ye ffeoffment	0	14	0
It. payd for a key for ye schoole doore	0	0	4
It. payd for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0
	43	5	4

Memorandum yt ye ffeoffees underwritten have agreed yt if any Tenaunt shall refuse to provide Leases ready to seale upon Ash Wednesday next at ye furthest that then they will provide new Tenaunts for the grounds of those who shall soe refuse.

There remaines to the next Collector 0 14 3

John Pooler	Hugh Poller
John Donne	Anthony Ballard
Walter Thacher	Tho. Best
John ffidkin	John Bourne
Emanuell Eyre	Edward Hewes
William Prattenton	Edward Harper

There is chosen for Collecter this yeare following John Bourne.

And yt is this day ordered that inasmuch as William Norris hath all alonge complyed with the ffeoffees and submytted to an encrease of his Rent to eight pounds a yeare and hath payd his same uppon demand and hath also payd six pounds towards areres or charges and is uppon that consideration promysed a lease for

three lyves now uppon his request hee is alowed three yeares to name what lyves hee shall decree, provided that yf the sayd William dye before he shall make his nomynation that then his executo^rs^ or assygnes shall name only two lyves. All this agreed and promysed by those named on the other side of the paper.

Witnesse Robert Willmott.

1657. THE ACCOUNT of Mr John Bourne Collectour for the schoole of Hartlebury A^o^ 1657 made ffebruary the 24th.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Inpr. receyved of the Schoole rent	43	15	05
It. receyved from the last Collectour	00	10	00
	44	05	05
It. payd for Bear last Ashwednesday	00	04	06
It. payd to Edmund Smyth by the ffeoffees appoyntm^nt^	00	02	06
It. payd to the school maysters	42	00	00
It. payd for two loads of Coales	01	03	00
It. payd to Downes for fire shovell & tongues & mending two lockes	00	04	00
It. payd to the Masons	00	04	04
It. payd for Brick & Carryage	00	02	08
It. payd to the Glasier	00	03	07
	44	04	07

We whose names are underwritten have receyved Mr John Bournes accounts & doe nominate Will'm Skiller Collectour for the year ensuing.

William Wheeler	John ffidkin
Samuell Eyre	John Donne
William Prattenton	Allan Lye
Anthony Ballard	Hugh Pooler
John Best	Edward Hughes

Edward Harper

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Remayning to the next Collectour	00	04	08
Whereof there remaynes due from Will'm Seager			4*s.*

Memorand^{m} that twenty shillings was receyved from William Norris by Mr Thomas Soley [1] ye chief Schoolm^{r} in lieu of two Timber Trees given him last Ashwednesday towards the repayrs of his schoole house.

xxiiii^{to} ffebruary 1627 [2].

Whereas Thomas Harward decessed & Wm Wheler by a bond or obligac'on dated the 23th day of May in the xviith year of the Reigne of the late Kinge Charles did become bounde unto John ffydkyn and others Churchwardens of Hartlebury afores^{d} in the penall some of tenne pounds condycen'ed for paym^{t} of ffyve pounds & foure shillings at a day in the Condyco'n of the said bond in that behalf expressed wch fyve pounds and foure shillings was due and did belonge to the poore of the p'ishe of Hartlebury and wch is yet unpayd and the said bond in force. But by agreem^{t} of dyvers of the feoffees of Hartlebury schoole lands wth John Harward touching the Renewing of his lease and increase of his Rent from vii*li.* p' ann: to xiii*li.* p' ann: The said Wm Wheller & th'execu^{trs} & adm^{s} of the said Thomas Harward are to be discharged of & from the said bond & the paym^{t} of ye said v*li.* & iiii*s.* & the said bond to be delyvr^{d} upp and cancelled & the said v*li.* & iiii*s.* to be otherwyse supplyed and Raysed for the use of the poore afores^{d}.

Therefore it is now agreed by the feoffees afors^{d} whose names are subscrybed That such Burrell [3] and decayeing trees growing upon the schole lands shalbe sold & fallen, wthin one monethe next comeinge at the discrec'on of Wm Skeler Samuell Eyre Hugh Puller Jo^{n} Bourne and the said John ffydkyn as will Rayse the said ffyve pounds & foure shillings wch is to be payd & ymployed for the use of the said poore in satysfacc'on and discharge of ye said bond & ffyve pounds and foure shillyngs before menc'oned. And thereupon the said bond to be delyvered to the said Wm Wheler & cancelled according to the said agreem^{t} in that behalfe.

[1] "1658. The intention of marriage between Thomas Soley schoolemaster of Hartlebury, & Mary Nott of Stanford was published in ye Church of Hartlebury on ye 12th, 19th, and 26th dayes of November, 1658, and were married Decemb. ye 9th." (*Hartlebury Register.*)

[2] Inserted out of its place.

[3] "Burr" or "burrell," badly grown.

The marke + of John ffidkin[1]
Huge Pooler
William Skiller
Edmund Harper
The marke of + Anthony Ballard[1]
William Prattenton
William Wheler
John Donne
Samuell Eyre
John Bourne
Alan Ley
The marke of + Edward Hughes[1]

Witnesses hereunto
Thomas Soley
Jo. Syrer sen^r
John Best

Memorandum that Thomas Lavendar and Thomas Dawe gave a large sized grate of three Barrs to ye free schoole.

There was alsoe bought a large fire shovell & a payre of Tongues by Mr John Bourne Collectour.

Memorandum that Mr Lowbridge gave two large cheekes for the new Grate[2].

1658. THE ACCOUNTS of Willia' Skiller Collector for the Schoole of Hartleburie 1658 made ye 16th of ffebruary 1658.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Impr. received of ye schoole rent	43	17	6
Item payd to ye schoole master & usher	42	0	0
Item spent at ye last account	0	1	0
payd for ii formes for ye schoole	0	4	4
payd for ii load of coales for the schoole	1	4	5
payd for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0
payd for mendinge ye schoole tables & other worke	0	2	6
payd for a locke for ye schoole	0	0	8
rec.	43	17	6
disburst.	43	13	11
remaining	0*li.*	3*s.*	7*d.*

Wee whose names are underwritten have receyved Willm Skiller's accounts and doe nominate John Smyth of Norchard Collectour for the year ensuing.

[1] On other occasions these gentlemen signed their own names—or got some one to sign for them.

[2] These are the only recorded gifts to the School.

Samuell Eyre	Robert Willmott
John Bourne	William Prattenton
John ffidkin	William Wheeler
Allen Lye	Willm Tomblins
Edward Harper	John Best
Hugh Poller	Anthony Ballard

Memorandum that William Seager is behind unpayd 1*s. for the laste year.*

1659. THE ACCOUNTS of John Smyth, Collector for ye schoole of Hartlebury, made ye 7th of March, 1659.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
rec. of ye schoole rent	43	18	7
payd to ye schoole master and usher	42	0	0
payd for coales for ye schoole	1	0	0
payd for making a window in ye school and for ye Timber	0	4	8
payd for ii load of clay	0	2	0
payd for dawbing ye schoole walls	0	5	8
payd for ye Lord's rent	0	1	0
payd for glasing a new window and mending ye old	0	5	6
payd for a locke and a hinge and setting them on	0	1	1
	43	19	11
remaines to ye next collector	0	2	8

We whose names are under written have seene & allowed this account & doe nominate William Prattenton for collector ye yeere next ensuing.

Hugh Poller	William Wheeler
Allan Lye	Robert Willmott
Edward Cartwright al's Harper	Samuell Eyre
	John Donne
Edward Hughes	John ffidkin
Thomas Best	Anthony Ballard
	John Smith

1660. THE ACCOUNTS of William Prattenton collectour for the ffree Schoole of Hartlebury made ffebr. 27th 1660.

	li.	s.	d.
payd to the scholemaster and usher	42	0	0
payd for 2 loads of coales	1	2	0
payd for 2 hu'd of bricke	0	3	0
payd for carring up the brick	0	1	6
payd for limbe	0	1	6
payd for one strike of heayre[1]	0	0	6
payd to 2 masons one day	0	2	6
payd for a new cay[2] for the schoole doore and mending the hinges	0	0	6
payd to the glassier	0	2	4
the lord's rent	0	1	0
	43	14	10

	li.	s.	d.
William Seger behind	0	3	0
Paid into the new Collectour	0	2	3

We whose names are underwritten have seen & allowed this Account & doe nominate Mr Samuell Eyre for collectour the year next ensuinge.

William Wheeler
Edward Harper
Allan Leygh
Edward Hues
William Tomlins
Anthony Ballard
Thomas Best
John ffidkin
Hugh Poller
Robert Ballard

1661. THE ACCOUMPT of Samuell Eyre colectr of the ffree Gram'er Scoole in Hartlebury made the twelfe day of february 1661.

[1] Hair. [2] Key.

	li.	s.	d.
Impr'is. Payd to the Scoolemasters	42	0	0
It. for coales for the Scoole	0	16	0
It. for the chife Rent to the Lord of the Man[r]	0	1	0
	42	17	0

	li.	s.	d.
William Seager behind	0	3	0
Edward Best			2
Soe there remaines from me due to the next colector	0	19	5

Wee whose names are underwritten have seene & allowed this Account, & doe nominate John ffidkin for Collectour the year next ensuing.

William Wheeler	Robert Willmott
Anthony Ballard	William Prattenton
John Best	Hugh Pooler
John Smith	Allen Ley
Edward Heaus	Edward Harper

1662. THE ACCOUMPTS of John ffidkin colector for the ffree Gramer scoole in Hartlebury made the fourth day of March 1662.

	li.	s.	d.
Impr'is. Rec'd the sum of the tenants which amounts to	43	17	11
It. of the last Colector	00	19	5
It. paid to the Scoolem[rs]	42	00	00
It. for the lord's rent	00	01	00
It. to the smith for mending the cay of the scoole door[1]	00	0	3
THE WHOLE SUM REC[d] IS	44	17	4
Disburst the sum of	42	1	3
March 4th, 166⅔, Remaines	2	17	4

[1] Notice the extraordinary number of times the lock of the school door is repaired.

Wee whose names are underwritten ffeoffees of the Gram'ar Schoole of Hartlebury have seen & allowed the above s^d^ account, & sith there are severell repayres not yet made good wee doe nominate John Fidkin aforesayd Collectour for ye year ensuing.

William Wheeler	Ro. Willmott
Hugh Pooler	Samuell Eyre
John Smyth	Anthony Ballard
William Prattenton	Edward Hughes
Edward Harper	Thomas Best

1663. THE ACCOUNTS of John ffidkin collector for the ffree Gram'ar scoole in Hartlebury made the 24th day of ffebruary 1663.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recd. from the Tenants	43	17	11
Remaines in his hands for the last yeare	02	17	4
Laid out of the fore mene'concd sum			
To the chife Scoolem^rs^	42	00	00
for fellinge the scoole Timber and workemanshipe	02	00	00
for stone and cariage	01	00	06
for the Recoyning[1]	00	04	04
for laying the Hearth and Boards	00	01	00
for studing winding and daubing	00	02	06
for caring of 2 loade of clay	00	02	00
for a loade of coale	00	11	00
for the Bishop's[2] Rent	00	01	00
for expenses att John Cobbs	00	02	10
for mending the walls and window	00	04	06
for nailes	00	00	03
for glasing the Windows	00	05	01
SUM. TOT.	46	15	03

Wee whose names are subscribed Feoffees of the Grammar Schoole of Hartlebury have seen and allowed the Accounts of John Fidkin Collector for the year last past and doe nominate and elect Hugh Pooler collector for the year ensuing.

[1] Reckoning. [2] First mention of the Bishop after the Restoration.

John Smyth
John Best
Edward Harper
Thomas Best
William Wheeler
Anthony Ballard
William Prattenton
Robert Ballard
Samuell Eyre

1664. THE ACCOUNTS of Hugh Pooler collectour for the Free Gram'ar Schoole in Hartlebury made ffebruary ye 8th A^o 1664.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Receyved from the Tenaunts	43	17	11
Payd to the chief Schoolm^r	32	00	00
Payd to Mr Symson for Counsell	00	10	00
Payd to Henry Ives Usher	02	10	00
Payd to John Plimley Usher[1]	01	10	00
SUM	42	10	00
Remaynes in his handes for the next Collectour	01	07	11

Wee whose names are subscribed ffeoffees of the Free Gram'er schoole of Hartlebury have seen & allowed Hugh Pooler's accounts Collectour for the year last past & doe nominate & elect William Prattenton collectour for the ensuing year.

William Prattenton
Edward Harper
Thomas Best
Wm Tomlins
Robert Ballard
Anthony Ballard
Robert Willmott
Wm Wheeler
Samuell Eyre
Hugh Pooler
Allan Leigh
John Fidkin

AND WEE whose names are subscribed doe heareby order that whereas John Manninge who is tenant to the Schoole hath fayled to accep^t of a lease for his ten'ts[2] and landes hee holds of the Schoole accordinge to his owne agreement & a former order made in that behalfe but hath by his wilfullness put the ffeoffees to charges in goeinge to take counsayle about the p'myses, that hee doe betwixt this & Lady Day next pay to the Collector ten shillings toward what was layd out as aforesaid, and accept of a newe lease

[1] £6 more due to the Usher has been omitted.
[2] Tenements.

wth usuall covenants at the Rent of *6li. 2s. 0d.* & to bee payd at the dayes usuall or on his neglect that all the landes & tents. hee holdes of the Schoole to bee let to another.

And wee doe order the Collector doe assigne a tree to John Cobb towards repayre of his house.

And wee do farther order that the p'sent Collector wth John ffydkin shall have power to fall any wood or trees uppon the schoole landes & employ the same towards the repayr of the schoole or sell part at theyr discression & gyve an accompt thereof to the ffeoffees.

Robert Willmott	John Fidkin
Samuell Eyre	Robert Ballard
Hugh Pooler	Anthony Ballard
Edward Harper	Wm Tomlins
William Prattenton	Thomas Best
	Allan Leigh

1665. last of ffebruary, 1665.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Rec. William pratenton's ACCOMPT			
his Receipts for the schoole Rents	43	8	1
his payments to the Schoolemasters	41	10	0
his overplus for Rents	01	18	1

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
his receipts of Hugh Pooler the last Bayly	00	17	02
hee rec. of John Climson for trees	01	00	00
hee Rec. of Robert Wilmott for trees	01	02	06
hee Rec. of Edward Harper for trees	01	00	00
hee Rec. of John Batch for trees	00	10	06
hee Rec. of Hugh Pooler for trees	00	10	00
hee Rec. of John Harward for a tree	00	04	00
	05	4	2
hee payd to John Wilmott for a tree he cut	00	08	00
and for the repayre of the Schoole in all	7	02	04
Soe uppon the whole is owinge to him	00	00	01

Note Edward Best owes to the Schoole ii*d.* which hee returnes as a debt.

Agreed: witnesse Robert Willmott

Memorand. Anthony Balard is chosen Collector for the ensuinge yeare.

Witnesse those whose names are subscrybed.

Robert Willmott

Will. prattenton	Samuell Eyre
John Fidkin	Tho. Best
Wm Tomlins	Edward Harper
William Wheeler	Hugh Pooler
Edward Hughes	

1666. Ffeb: 20° A° 166⅔.

THE ACCOMPTS of Anthony Ballard collector.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Payd to the Chiefe Schoolmr	32	00	00
Payd to the usher	10	00	00
ffor Repayres	00	02	00
ffor Coales	00	13	00
ffor the Lds Rent	00	01	00
To Edward Harper towards his Charges	00	06	08
	43	02	08

Wee whose names are subscribed ffeoffees of the free Gram'ar Schoole of Hartlebury doe allow the accompts of Anthony Ballard the last collectr & doe nominate him collector for the year ensuing.

Sam: Eyre	William Wheeler
John Fidkin	Robert Willmott
William Prattenton	John Smyth
Edward Hughes	Hugh Pooler

Edward Harper

1667. ffebruary 5to A^{o} 1667.

THE ACCOMPTS of Anthony Ballard collector.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Payd unto the Chief Schoolm^{r}	32	00	00
Payd unto the Usher	10	00	00
Other Disbursements			
To Joseph Pennell for 2 load of Coales	00	19	00
ffor Carrying them in	00	01	00
ffor mending ye windowes and Doore	00	01	07
ffor the Lord's Rent	00	01	00
	43	02	07
Remaynes in his Hands for both years	01	10	07

Wee whose names are subscribed ffeoffees of the free Gram'ar Schoole of Hartlebury doe allow the accompts of Anthony Ballard last Collector & doe nominate Mr Eyre Collector for the year ensuing, & alsoe wee doe hereby impower him to receyve the overplus Rent in Anthony Ballard's Hands towards the repairs of ye said schoole.

Wm Tomblins
Tho: Best
Edward Hughes
John Fidkin
Hugh Pooler
Wm Wheeler
Wm Prattenton
Edward Harper
Robert Ballard

1668. ffebruary the 24th 1668.

THE ACCOMPTS of Samuell Eyre collector.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
P^{d} to the scoole masters	42	00	00
Paid for a load of coles & caring into the House	00	13	00
Paid to the glasier	00	03	04
for a load of clay and another of sand	00	01	06
for studding windows and dawbing the walles	00	05	00
the Lord's rent	00	01	00
P^{d} to Mr Wall for mending the seats &c.	00	02	04

REMAINS DUE FOR THIS YEAR 0*li.* 13*s.* 11*d.*

Wee whose names are subscribed have seene & doe allow of the accompts aboves^d & chose for Collector for the yeare enshuing Mr Sammuell Eyre.

William Wheeler	John ffidkine
Alin Leigh	Thomas Best
Robert Willmott	Edward hues
William Tomblins	William Prattenton
hugh pooler	Anthony Ballard

Edward Harper.

1669. ffebruary the 16th 1669.

Then THE ACCOUNPTS of Samuell Eyre collector was taken.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Impr'is p^d to the chiffe scoolm^r	32	00	00
P^d to the usher	10	00	00
P^d the lord's rent	00	01	00
P^d for coale	00	13	00
P^d to the glasier	00	02	02
It. for A Paire of Bellowes	00	01	04
It. to the smit for making and mending the lockes about the Vestrie[1]	00	03	04
To John Cobb for making cleane the Vestrie and other things about the scoole	00	01	00
To John ffidkin for planks to mende the Vestrie	00	00	08
One Hundred of brick and Cariage	00	01	06
Allowed Edward Harper	00	06	08
To John Jackson	00	01	00
To my granfather for a Box	00	00	06
for Beare att Thomas Harward	00	01	06
	43	13	08

The day & yeare aboves^d the accompts were taken & allowed on by us whose names are subscribed & the remaines due to the next Collector the sume of *2li. 8s. 9d.*

William Wheeler	John ffidkin
Alaine Lygh	Anthony Ballard
William Tomlins	Thomas Best
Hugh Pooler	William Prattenton
Edward Harper	John Smith
	Edward Hughes

[1] Where the chest containing the Deeds of the school stood, according to Statute XVI.

And wee doe nominate for the yeare ensuing John ffidkin

A memorand. of the keyes of the Vestry [1]

Will. Wheeler one
John ffidkin one
Anthony Ballard one
Will. Prattenton one
Alaine Lygh one
Samuell Eyre one
Will. Tomlins one

1670. March the eight 1670.

Then THE ACCOMPTS of John ffidkin was as ffollowes

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
P^d^ to the scoolemast^rs^	42	00	00
P^d^ for coales	00	11	00
winding and dawbing the walles	00	01	00
nayles	00	01	00
for nayling lathes att the boards ends in the scoole	00	01	00
P^d^ to the glasier	00	03	00
for lime and tyle	00	01	04
for nayling Boards under the windowes	00	00	04
for a forme	00	03	00

These accompts were seene and allowed by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the next colector 16*s.* 1*d.* and from Samuell Eyre 7*s.* 9*d.* and we doe nominate for Colector for the yeare ensuing William Prattenton

Wittness o^r^ Hands.

William Wheeler
Alaine Ligh
William Tomlins
Samuell Eyre
John Smith
Anthony Ballard
Hugh Pooler
Edward Hughes
Thomas Best

[1] See Statute XVI.

1671. ffebruwary the 21st 1671.

THE ACCOMPTS of William Prattenton Colecter of the free gramer schoole of Hartlebury weure alowed and granted.

		li.	*s.*	*d.*
Item.	Payed for a bord[1] for the Usher to wright on	0	1	6
Item.	Payed for mending A bord and A form in the lower end	0	1	0
Item.	Payed for 2 load of Coles to John Wall and for Cariag in	1	2	0
Item.	Payed for 2 hundred of Brick and Carriag in	0	2	6
Item.	Payed for an Hors load of Lime	0	2	3
Item.	Payed to the Mason	0	2	0
	The Lord's Rent	0	1	0
Item.	Payed to the Glasior	0	3	4
	ffor mending the Lock	0	0	4
Item.	ffor mending the bord and the form in the upper end	0	0	3

These Above written Accomptes of William Prattenton who are seene and alowed by us whos names are subscribed and thar remaines in his hand 1*li.* 5*s.* 3*d.* for the Colector for the year enshuing.

And we doe nominate Anthony Ballard Colector for the yeare ensuing.

Sam Eyre
Alain Lygh
Hugh Pooller
John ffidkin
Tho' Best
Ed. Hughes
Will Tomlins

1672. THE ACCOMPTS of Anthony Ballard Collectr for ye Free Grammer School of Hartlebury given up to ye rest of ye Governours of ye sayd School Feb. 17, 1672.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Payd to Mr Abbot[2] ye Head Schoolmaster	32	0	0
Payd to Will Brown ye Under Schoolmaster	10	0	0

[1] A black board.

[2] Rector of Dowles, 1669-83. "Mr Walter Abbot our Head Schoolmaster buried 18th April, 1683." (*Hartlebury Register.*)

	li.	s.	d.
For one Waggon load of Coles	0	12	6
For Studs Studding Winding and daubing of ye Walls	0	3	0
For 4 burden of Windings and for bringing y^m^ to ye School	0	2	0
For ye Carriage of one load of Clay	0	1	0
The L^d^ Bp's Rent	0	1	0
To the glazier for making a new Window and mending ye old	0	7	3
Y^e^ DISBURSD SUMME IS	43	6	9
remaines due to ye next Collect^r^	0	11	4

This below written accompt of Anthony Ballard Collect^r^ for ye year past we whose names are subscribed have seen and doe allow of; and we chuse John Pooler Collect^r^ for this year ensuing. At ye same time William Prattenton payd to John Pooler which was due upon his accompt and w^h^ was charged upon him by Mr Sam Eyre and Jo Fitkin the two pr'ceding Collect^rs^ the summe of one pound five shillings and eleven pence.

At ye same time Anthony Ballard Collect^r^ for ye year past payd unto John Pooler which remained due upon his accompt

0li. 11s. 4d.

Edward Woodhouse	Will: Skinner[1]
Will. Prattenton	Hugh Pooler
Geruase Wheeler	Allayn Lye
William Manning	Edward Hues
Walter Donne	John Ballard
Will: Tomlinson	George Holloway
	James Prattenton

At ye same time the Governours whose names are above written have agreed y^t^ that no other children but such whose Parents are Parishioners and Inhabitants of this Parish of Hartlebury shall have ye benefit of being taught free without paying y^e^ schoolmaster for their teaching.

[1] Son of the Bishop, Rector of Hartlebury for 25 years, died 1695, aged 59. Perhaps it was at his suggestion that the resolution restricting free education *to Parishioners* was passed. It is in his handwriting.

1673. March 4 167$\frac{3}{4}$. Then y^e^ ACCOMPTS of John Pooler was as followeth.

	li.	s.	d.
Re'd in rent	44	11	1
Of Mr Abbot for coales	0	12	0
Re'd upon y^e^ last year's accompt	1	16	7
	46	19	8
Payd y^e^ School Master	32	0	0
Payd ye usher	10	0	0
Payd for 2 load of Coales	1	5	0
For glazing y^e^ windowes	0	3	0
Payd for mending a seat	0	1	2
Payd for mending a forme	0	0	2
The Ld's rent	0	1	0
For 2 burdens of Heath	0	2	0
For mending ye Key of ye door	0	0	4
	43	12	8
Remaines due to ye Schoole	3	8	9

which 3*li.* 8*s.* 9*d.* is put into the great chest amongst ye schoole writings.

This 4th day of March ye accompts of John Pooler Collect^r^ above written were taken & approved by us whose names are subscribed, & at ye same time we made choise of Mr Robert Willmott to be Collect^r^ for this year ensuing.

Richard Thatcher	Will. Skinner Rect^r^
William Prattenton	Allen Lye
William Manning	Anthony Ballard
James Prattenton	Walter Dunne
	Edward Woodhouse

1674. ffebruary the 17th 1674.

Then THE ACCOUNPTS of Robert Willmott was taken and they are as followeth,

	li.	s.	d.
Imprs. Pd. to the Scolem^{r} and Usher	42	00	00
I^{t} p^{d} for Coales	00	11	10
I^{t} for glasing	00	5	00
I^{t} for worke about the Schole	00	4	00
I^{t} lord's rent	00	1	00
laid out in all	43	1	10

Memorand that the Accounpts of Robert Willmott on the other side the leafe was taken and allowed by us whose names are underwritten and that ten shillings of Best's rent of Kidderminster is not yett rec^{d} of the aboves^{d} Robert Willmott which he hath accounpted for and p^{d}.

The same day rec^{d} of John Harward 13 shillings for all the rent due to this day.

And we doe nominate Collector for the yeare ensuing Gervase Wheeler jun^{r}.

remains due this yeare *2li. 2s. 3d.* which s^{d} two pounds two shillings three pence is put into the chest in the vestrie.

Anthony Ballard
William Manninge
Thomas Best

Will: Skinner Rect^{r}
Sam: Eyre
John Pooler
Robert Willmott
James Prattenton

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being governors of the ffree Gramar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury and of the possessiones revenues and goods of the said School doe by these p^{r}sentes elect and nominate and by these p^{r}sentes have elected and nominated our trusty and well beloved ffriends and neighbours, Thomas Lowbridge Gent. John Hill Edward Harper Philip Ballard Edward Hughes William ffitkin and Richard Griffin to be joynt Governors of the ffree Gramar School and of the poss'ions revenues and goods of the ffree Gramar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury aforesaid with us the Governors hereunder subscribed.

In witness whereof we have hereunto putt our hands and caused our com'on seale to be affixed the xxth day of May, 1684.

Will : Skinner
Sam : Eyre
John Pooler
Will. Prattenton
Allen Leigh
John Ballard
Gervase Wheeler[1]

L. S.

May 27th 1672.

WE the surviving governours of the Free Grammar School and of ye possessions revenues and goods of ye Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury (viz.) Hugh Pooler, John Fitkin, Anthony Ballard, William Prattenton, William Tomlinson, Allen Leigh, Samuel Eyre, Edward Hughes, and Thomas Best doe nominate and elect William Skinner, Robert Willmott ye younger, James Prattenton, Walter Dunne, John Ballard of Green Stone, Edward Woddhouse, Gervas Wheeler the younger, Richard Thatcher, John Pooler, William Manning, and George Hollis, to be Governours of ye free Grammar Schooll and of ye possessions revenues and goods of ye free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury with us ye aforesayd surviving Governours, Hugh Pooler, John Fitkin, Anthony Ballard, William Prattenton, William Tomlinson, Allen Leigh, Samuel Eyre, Edward Hughes and Thomas Best in ye place and Stead of John Pooler, Gent., William Wheeler, John Best, William Skiller, John Smith, Edward Harper, John Dunne, John Boune, Robert Ballard, Walter Thatcher deceased, and Robert Willmott the Elder, departed out of ye parish.

In Witnesse whereof We have putt to our hands and our Common Seal ye year and day above written.

Sam : Eyre
John ffitkin
William Tomlinson
Thomas Best
Edward Hewes
Hugh Pooler
Anthony Ballard
Will. Prattenton
Allen Leigh

L. S.

[1] *Named after Gervaise Babbington, Bishop of Worcester, being born soon after the Bishop's death in May*, 1610.

May 27, 1672.

It is this day ordered that Mr William Skinner, John ffidkin, Sam: Eyre, John Pooler with the Collector shall veiw the land in Rushock and John Manning's at Whitelench upon Munday the 3d of June next.

Memorandum yt upon ye 17th day of February 1674, Phillip Marshall of Elmely Lovet payd unto ye Governours of ye school of Hartlebury in Lieu of an Harriot due to ye school of Hartlebury for ye Perry-Mill house the summe of one pound five shillings.

Memorand. that the 9th of ffebruary Ger: Wheeler Junr being colector for the yeare last past gave up his accounpt as followeth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
pd ffor Coales	1	2	6
for mending the windowes	0	9	6
for putting in a sill in the vestreye	0	1	6
lord's rent	0	1	0
for the locke	0	1	0
DISBURST IN ALL	1	15	6

his accounpts were then allowed of by us whose names are subscribed upon the other side this leafe.

Will: Skinner	John Pooler
Sam: Eyre	Robert Willmott
Will: Prattenton	Thos. Best
Allin Leigh	Anthony Ballard
Hugh Pooler	George Holloway
Walter Donne	

We nominate for Colector for the yeare ensuing George Holloway alsoe there remaines in the Box in money the sume of 8—2—6.

It is the aforesd 9th day of ffebruary ordered that the Collector Mr. Skinner, Will: Prattenton, John Pooler & Sam. Eyre shall veiw the schoole land Hedges and trees att or before the last day of June next and to make returne thereof to the rest of the Governs.

1676. ffeb: the last 1676. then THE ACCOUNPTS of George Holloway being Collector for the yeare last past was taken and are as ffolloweth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
he hath Disburs^{d}	2	5	5
p^{d} by the s^{d} Colector	0	5	8

the day and yeare afores^{d} there remains in the box the sume of nine pounds.

This accounpt is allowed by us & we doe nominate for Collector for the yeare ensuing John Ballard of lincombe.

It is this day alsoe ordered that the Colector Mr Skinner, Will: Prattenton, John Pooler and Sam: Eyre shall view the schoole land Hedges and trees att or before the last day of June next and to make returne to the rest of the Gov'nors.

Will: Skinner	William Manning
Sam: Eyre	Thos. Best
Allaine Lighe	John Pooler
Gervase Wheeler	Walt: Donne
Robert Willmott	Ed: Woodhouse
Anthony Ballard	Will: Prattenton
Hugh Pooler	

1677. Feb. 13, 1677.

Then Y^{e} ACCOMPT of John Ballard Collectour for ye year last past was taken as followeth

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Re'd in Rents	44	16	1
Re'd of Mr Abbot towards Cole	0	10	0
SUMM RECEIVD	45	6	1
Disbursed for ye use and reparation of ye Schoole and Payd to ye Schoolmaster and Usher	44	2	0
remains due to ye School	1	4	1

Which summe of one pound four shillings and one penny was y^{n} payd by ye said Collectour and being put into ye box makes up ye summe of ten pounds four shillings and one penny.

This accompt is taken and allowed by us whose names are

subscribed and we make choice of Walter Donne for Collectour ye year ensuing

Will: Skinner	Robert Willmott
Will. Prattenton	Thomas Beest
Anthony Ballard	John Pooler
Allain Lye	William Manning

1678. March 5 1678.

Then Y^e ACCOMPT of Walter Donne Collectour for ye year last past was taken as followeth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Re'd in Rents	44	16	1
Re'd of Mr Abbot for Coles	0	10	0
SUMME TOT.	45	16	1
Disbursed in paying ye Scholmaster and Usher	42	0	0
Disbursed for ye use and repairation of ye Schoole	2	0	11
Y^e WHOLE DISBURSED	44	0	11
Due to ye School	1	5	2

Which ye Collectour y^n payd and it is put into ye publige box and makes up ye summe of eleven pounds nine shillings and three pence.

This accompt was taken and allowed by us whose names are subscribed and we make choice of William Man'ing for Collectour ye year ensuing.

Will: Skinner	William Prattenton
Sam: Eyre	Geruase Wheeler
Robert Willmott	Thomas Best

1679. Feb. 25. 1679.

Then Y^e ACCOMPTS of William Manning Collect^r for ye year last past was taken as followeth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Re'd in rents	44	16	1
Re'd of Mr Abbot for Coals	0	8	0
SUMM RECEEVD	45	4	1

	li.	s.	d.
Disbursed	43	7	7
Chimney money[1]	0	4	0
SUM DISBURSED	43	11	7

Upon which accompt rem: to ye Parish 5*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.* which was y^n paid & put into ye box & makes up ye summe of thirteen pounds one shilling & ninepence.

This Accompt was received & allowed by us whose names are subscribed & we do make choice of Edward Woodhouse for Collect^r for ye year ensuing.

William Manning
Richard Thatcher
Robert Willmott
Thomas Best
Will: Skinner
Sam: Eyre
Geruase Wheeler
Will. Prattenton
John Pooler

1680. Feb. 18, 1680.

Then THE ACCOMPTS of Edward Woodhouse Collect^r for ye year last past was taken as followeth.

	li.	s.	d.
Re'd in Rents	44	16	1
Re'd of Mr Abbot for Coals	0	9	0
SUMM RECEEV^d	45	5	1
SUMM DISBURSED	45	7	0

Remaines due to ye Parish which was then put into ye box 1*li.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

The whole Summe in the box this being added thereunto is fourteen pounds nineteen shillings & tenpence.

[1] March 3, 1662. "I am told that this day the Parliament hath voted 2*s.* per annum for every chimney in England, as a constant revenue for ever to the Crowne." (*Pepys' Diary.*) A tax of a penny on every hearth had been long familiar as Peter's Pence. From 1662 till the Revolution in 1688 a levy of 2*s.* on every hearth was imposed for the King. There is a List of those who paid chimney money in Hartlebury Parish account books; by which it appears that only 32 people in the Parish paid the tax.

This Accompt was perused & approved by us whose names are subscribed & we do make choice of Richard Thatcher for our Collect^{r} for ye year ensuing.

Will: Skinner	Allan Lye
Sam: Eyre	Thomas Best
Robert Willmott	John Pooler
Will. Prattenton	Edward Woodhouse

John Ballard

1681. March 1th 1681.

Then THE ACCOMPTS of Rich. Thacher Collector for ye yeare last past was taken as ffolloweth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Rece'd in rents	44	16	01
Sume disburs,	42	14	10
remaines due to the parish was then put into the box	02	03	03

This Acco^{t} was perused & approved by us whose names are subscribed—& we doe make choice of Thomas Lowbridge for our Collecter for the year ensuing.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
p^{d} Tho: Best as by two note carridge for the scole	07	01	00
in the box	10	00	01

Geruase Wheeler	Richard Griffin
John Hill	Will. Prattenton
Thomas Best	William ffidkin
William Manning	Edward Harper
John Ballard	Rich. Thacher

John Pooler

1682. THO. LOWBRIDGE Acco^{t} ffeb. 21th 82.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recev^{d} by rents	44	16	11
Mr Willmott for post and pales	0	08	00
	45	04	01

	li.	s.	d.
p^d Mr Abbot & Maning	42	00	00
p^d Mr Eyer Ld's rent	00	01	00
p^d Tho. Best as by note	02	07	10
rest due & p^d into box	00	15	3
	45	04	01

In box 10*li.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

We chuse Collector for ye yeare John Hill & approve of ye Acco^ts

p^d Jo. Bird by Tho. Lowbridge last yeare.

on acc^t wood	16*li.*	10*s.*	
& out box	10*li.*	15*s.*	7*d.*
	27*li.*	5*s.*	7*d.*

Sam : Eyre
William Prattenton
Geruase Wheeler
Robert Willmott
Tho. Lowbridge
Phillip Ballard
Allen Leigh
John Pooler
Edw. Hewes
Edw : Harper

1683. JOHN HILL Acco^t Ashwendsday, 1683.

	li.	s.	d.
Rece^d by rents	44	16	01
p^d ye scolemaster & usshier	42	00	00
he p^d by note	2	16	01

Wee doe allow his Acco^t.

				li.	s.	d.
Taken up of Cordwood of four foot wood 99 C at 6*s.* abateing 10*s.*				29	04	00
p^d as ap'yes	22	04	5			
p^d Bard for seates & Cullering	4	00	00	27	04	00
May 20 p^d in full *now in box*	0	19	07			

We chuse Phillip Ballard Collecter for ye ensuing yeare.
remains in stocke in box 0*li.* 19*s.* 7*d.*

Ordered the day & yeare above written that Mr Philip Manning shall have his 3 lives renewed & a new Lease of Tinn ffields for 3 such lives as he shall nominate upon the former covenants & 6s. 8d. advencement of the yearly rent.

Will: Skinner
Sam: Eyre
Geruase Wheeler
Allen Leigh
John Pooler
Will. Prattenton
Tho. Lowbridge
John Ballard
John Hill
Phillip Ballard
Edward Harper
Edward Hughes

1684. PHILL: BALLARD Accot 10th 4th 84.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd. in rents	44	16	01
pd ye Scholemasters	42	00	00
pd for Coles & carridge	01	01	00
pd Ld's rent	00	01	00
remains due	01	14	01
	44	16	01

	li.	s.	d.
Left in box last yeare	0	19	07
due now 10th 4/84	1	14	01
Soe left in all 10th 4th 84 in boxe	2	13	08

We chuse Mr Garuase Wheeler for Collector for ye yeare ensewing & allow of Phill Ballard's Accots by us whose names are under written.

John Ballard
Richard Thatcher
William Maning
Edward Harper
Rechard Griffing
Edward Hughes
Phillip Ballard
Walter Donne

Will: Skinner, Rectr
Sam: Eyre
Tho. Lowbridge
John Hill
John Pooler
Will. Prattenton
Geruase Wheeler

Ordered the same day that eight pounds be taken for the changing two lives and putting in a new one in Philip Manning's lease, and that the money be received by the Collect^r towards the building of a Brew house & cha'ber & Cockloft over it; for M^r. Pierce[1] our Head-Schoolmaster & likewise ten shillings now due from John Manning, and two pounds thirteen shillings & eight pence out of the box which we order Mr Gervas Wheeler jun. our pr'sent Collect^r to receive & lay out according to the above written directions.

1685. Mr GARUASE WHEELER Acco^t feb. 17/85.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Reced. in rents	44	16	1
Jo^n Manning for herret	00	10	0
left last yeare	02	13	8
Reced. for A tree of will bilt	00	06	0
	48	05	9
p^d ye scholemasters	42	00	00
p^d Coles 2 lo.	01	00	00
p^d for glasing	01	00	00
p^d Car^e brick & tile	00	11	00
p^d Jos: & dad *in hernest*[2]	00	05	00
mending ye Chimney	00	01	06
Chimney money	00	04	00
Ld's rent	00	01	00
two fragments	00	09	00
Intrest of 25*l.* 2 yeare	00	15	00
	46	06	06
rest due	1	19	03

We chuse Mr Eyer for Collecter for ye yeare ensuing & allow of Mr Wheeler Acco^ts by us. Will: Skinner

[1] "Francis Pierce, Schoolmaster, was bur. May ye 3^d, 1701." (*Hartlebury Register.*) He was curate to Richard Bentley, when he held the living of Hartlebury, and to James Stillingfleet, Dean of Worcester, who succeeded Bentley as Rector of Hartlebury.

[2] Earnest.

Tho : Lowbridge
Jo^{n} Hill
Allen Ley
Geruase Wheeler
Will. ffidkin
Walter Dunn
Will. Prattenton
Edward Harper
John Ballard
Edward Hughes

1685. Feb. 17th 85.

Then agreed that Mr Wheeler sen. shall change one life and add two lives of the lands at tinfeilds late Mr Maninges for fourteen poundes witnes our handes Ap. 6th 86.

Rest due in book	01	19	3	Will : Skinner
Recevd Mr Wheeler for fine	14	0	0	Sam : Eyre
				Tho : Lowbridge
	15	19	3	John Hill
Ap. 6th				Edward Harper
P^{d} Mrs Marey Lowbridge 15*li.* and Interest of it to this day of the 15*li.* from ye 20 feb.	15	02	3	William ffidkin Edward Hughes Richard Griffin Walter Dunne Allen Liy
Rest in box	0	17	0	Philip Ballard

due to Mrs Lowbridge 10*li. and Interest sence the* 20 *day of february last.*

6 Ap. 86. Edward Woodhouse lease was sealed for tinfelds and the fourteene pounds recev^{d} according to the agreement above mentioned.

Feb. 9th 86. Then entred ye new goueners lately chosen
Ed : Woodhouse
Rich : Heming
Robt : Ballard

1686. feb. 9th 86.

Mr EYRE acc^{ot}

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
left in box	00	17	00
Recevd in rents	44	16	00
	45	13	00

	li.	s.	d.
p^d Scolemasters	42	00	0
for i lo. coles	00	12	00
L^ds rent	00	01	00
mending seale[1]	00	00	04
mending scole wall	00	00	02
mending grate	00	00	06
use money	00	12	00
house to put coles	00	01	06
chimney money	00	02	00
	43	09	06
Rest in box	2	03	06
P^d Mr Eyre for Coppy decree	0	05	00
Rest in boxe	1	18	06

Wee chuse Mr Skinner for Collector
for ye yeare ensuing and allow of Mr Eyre's Acco'ts.

Will : Skinner
Geruase Wheeler
Tho : Lowbridge
Will : Prattenton
Phill : Ballard
Joe Pooler
Ed : Woodhouse
Edw : Harper
Edw : Hewes
Will : Maning
John Hill
Rich : Heming

March the 7th, 1686, it is then agreed by us whose names are hereunto subscribed that Edward Craine shall change the lives of his two Brothers Joseph & Walter Craine & put into his lease the lives of Mary his wife and Mary his daughter the fine to be only five shillings.

[1] There are still signs of this mending at the back of the seal.

Will : Skinner	Edward Harper
John Pooler	Edward Hughes
Sam : Eyre	Geruase Wheeler
Phill : Ballard	Richard Heming
William Manning	Will : Prattenton

March 29th 1687 then sealed Edw. Crane A lease for his life & wife's and daughter.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recevd for fine & put into box	02	05	00

1687.. feb. 28th 1687 Mr SKINNER Accot

rents schole	44	16	01
Recevd Widdow Maning for herrett at her husband decease in lew of the best Beast	2	00	00
	46	16	1
pd the Scolemasters	42	00	00
pd Mr Eyre for lock & key omitted in his last Acco	00	00	09
pd a yeares Ld's rent	00	01	00
pd glasier	00	18	00
pd use of 10*li.*	00	12	00
Coles	00	13	06
hearth money	00	02	00
	43	17	3
due to scole	2	18	10
before	4	03	06
left in the Collector's hands to pay Mr Wheeler 10*s.* for Coles & pd Mr Wheeler	0	10	0

We chuse Collecter for the yeare ensewing Robbert Ballard.

Tho : Lowbridge	John Hill	Will : Skinner
John Pooler	Richard Heming	William fidkin
Sam : Eyre	Robert Ballard	Edward Harper
Edward Hughes	Phillip Ballard	
John Ballard	Walter Donne	
Geruase Wheeler		

1688. feb. 13th, 1688. ROBT. BALLARD Acco^t

	li.	s.	d.
rents scole	44	16	1
p^d M^r pearse & Hancox	42	00	00
L^d's rent	00	01	00
chimney money	00	02	00
for Lime & mending wall about scole	00	01	00
wagon load coles	00	13	06
for making a dore to vestry & bords	00	04	00
use 10*li.*	00	12	00
	43	13	06
Gave ye usher this over & above	1	02	07

Allowed by us & now chuse Edward Woodhouse Collecter for ye yeare ensewing

Will: Skinner
Sam: Eyre
Geruase Wheeler
Tho: Lowbridge
John Hill
Jo^n poller
Phillip Ballard
John Ballard

Agreed that Phillip Marshall shall change a life & add two for 10*s. per Annum advanced of his rent*

1689. 10 April, 1689.

THE GOVERNOURS delivered out of the box to Edward Woodhouse Collect^r the Summ of six pounds ten shillings four pence towards paying the ten pounds due to Mr Lowbridge upon Bond.

Will: Skinner Sam: Eyre
John Pooler Robert Ballard John Ballard

March 5th 1689
EDW. WOODHOUSE Acco^t as ffolloweth

	li.	s.	d.
Recev'd in rent	44	16	01
More Marshall for 3 quarters	00	07	06
Of scole^r towards fier	01	02	00
	46	05	07

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recev'd othe'seide out boxe	06	10	04
	52	15	11
P^d^ Scholemasters	42	00	00
L^d's^ Rent	00	01	00
for Int'rest 10*li.*	00	12	00
for 2 lo. Coles	01	05	06
To downes mending grate cheekes and tounges	00	03	06
glasier	00	02	06
for key dore	00	00	04
making back in chimney	00	00	06
hearth money[1]	00	01	00
	44	06	04
anow Building Colehouse	05	06	01
	49	12	05
left in boxe	03	03	06

Allowed by us and we chuse Edw. Harper Collector for yeare ensewing.

gave Mr Hancocks	00	13	06
soe left in boxe	02	10	00

Will: Skinner
Sam: Eyre
Geruase Wheeler
Tho: Lowbridge
John Pooler
Jo: Hill
Walter Dunn
Rich: Griffen
Phill: Ballard
Edw: Harper

[1] This tax, w^h^ had always been unpopular, was discontinued after the Revolution of 1688. It appears only 6 times in the school account. Beginning with 4/-, dropping to 2/-, and then to 1/-.

23 May 1690.

Whereas there is a suit like to depend betwixt William Norreys of Rushock and the Governours of the free Grammer School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury about a lease which the said William Norreys holds of lands in Rushock appertain'g to the said free Grammer School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury

We the Governours of the said School whose names are subscribed doe hereby assent and Consent mutually and joyntley to defend the suit in behalf of the said School, and in discharge of the trust reposed in us, to raise money amongst us every man paying his æquall proportion toward the charg and expence of the said Suit, in witnesse whereof we have hereunto put our hands and affixed hereunto our Common Seal the day and year above written.

We likewise agree that Mr Toye shall be our attourney to manage our suit and that Mr Skinner and Edward Harper shall sollicite the business.

Will : Skinner
Sam : Eyre
Tho : Lowbridge
Geruase Wheeler
John Hill
John Pooler
Richard Heming
Edward Woodhouse
Phillip Ballard
Walter Donne
Edward Harper
Richard Griffin

L. S.

1690. ffeb 25th 90.

EDW : HARPER Accot

	li.	s.	d.
Recev'd in rents	45	06	01
for fier money [from the Head Master]	01	06	00
	45	12	01

	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
p^d Mr Eyer Ld's rent	0	01	00			
for oyle	0	00	02			
2 lo. Coles	1	06	04			
1 do : crese	0	01	06			
lime	0	02	00			
2 st. hair	0	00	03			
lath	0	01	00			
feching tyle and hair	0	00	06			
masons	0	04	00			
new lock Cole house dore	0	01	06			
heath	0	00	04			
use 10*li.*	0	12	00			
Spent at schole	0	01	00			
p^d M^r pearce	32	00	00			
Mr Hancocks	10	00	00			
	44	11	07	44	11	07
in his hands				2	00	06

Allowed by us and we chuse Richard Griffen Collector for yeare ensewing.

in Boxe	02	10	0	4	10	6
now due	02	00	6			

Feb 25th 90. P^d Mr Toy towards his charge of the law with Mr Norris left in box 4 10 6

Will : Skinner	Jo. Pooler
Sam : Eyre	Edw. Woodhouse
John Hill	Gar : Wheeler
Tho. Lowbridge	Phillip Ballard

15° Aprilis 1691°.

Att the execucon of a com : for examinacon of wittnesses in a cause depending at yssue in their ma^tyes high Court of Chancery betweene William Norris gent compl't[1] And the Govern^rs of the free Gram'ar Schoole in Hartlebury in the County of Worc^r

[1] Complainant,

and others def'ts[1] this booke was shewed forth unto Edwyn Eyre Gent. at the tyme of the examinacon before us

Hen : Townshend[2]
Hen : Whitaker

1691. feb. 10th 91.

RICH : GRIFFEN Acco^t.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd by rents	45	06	01
For fier money	01	01	06
	46	07	07
p^d schole masters	42	00	00
L^ds rent	00	01	00
for 3 load Coles	01	09	00
3 burden heath	00	00	06
	43	10	06
due	2	17	01

	li.	s.	d.			
Mr Skinner Recevd out box	4	10	6			
p^d M^r townsand & hoeman	2	03	0			
M^r toy clerke	0	05	0			
Jo^n Harward for entertainement	1	07	6			
horse meate	0	02	6			
Jo^n heming goeing to Worcester & citing in witnesses	0	02	6			
Rich. Griffen sending man & horse for smith	0	02	0			
Rich. Griffen and horse goeing to Worcester	0	02	0			
for Afidauitt	0	01	0			
	4	5	6	4	10	6
due & put in box	0	5	0			

[1] Defendants.
[2] Justice of the Peace, of Elmley Lovett. The picturesque house of the Townshends has been taken down.

Tho. Lowbridge

				li.	s.	d.
in 91 Recevd parish money at intrest				30	00	00
p^d M^r toy bill[1]	15	18	00			
p^d sigler 10*li.* & use	10	04	00			
17 June 91. p^d M^r townsand	01	00	00			
M^r hoeman	01	00	00			
at M^r woods	01	03	4			
				29	12	07
Bird for his dayes worke	00	01	0			
spent at yarrons	00	01	5			
M^r toy man ingroseing	00	05	0			
due & p^d				00	07	5

in Rich. Griffens	2	17	1
„ Mr Skinners	0	05	0
in Lowbridge	0	07	5
	3	09	6

this 3*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.* p^d Rich. heming ye Collector now chosen by us & wee allow of the Acco^t above.

Robert Ballard
John Hill
John Ballard
Edward Harper
Phillip Ballard
Will : Skinner
Sam : Eyre
John Pooler
Tho : Lowbridge
Geruase Wheeler
Edwa : Woodhouse.

1692. RICH. HEMING Acco^t Mar : 1th 92.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd of last Collecter	03	09	6
Recevd by rents	45	06	2
Recevd for fiering 28*s.* & towards Glasing 2*s.* 2*d.*	01	10	2
	50	05	10

[1] For law expenses in the suit of Norris *v.* The Governors.

	li.	s.	d.
p^d Scholemaster and usher	42	00	00
p^d for Coles	00	18	00
Lime	00	01	06
Hair and Masons	00	01	08
Glacing	00	08	06
L^de rent	00	01	00
	43	10	8
p^d use money to M^r pooler for a yeare for 30*li.*	1	10	0
	45	00	8
Recevd Rich. heming & put in box	5	00	2
	50	00	10

We allow of the Acco^t & chuse for Collecter for the yeare ensewing Mr Samuel Eyre.

Ordered that Mr Skinner Mr Eyre Robert Ballard Edw. Woodhouse Phillip Ballard and ye rest to vewe the scole lands this day 3 weeks being 22 Instant.

Will : Skinner
Thos: Lowbridge
Geruase Wheeler
Robert Ballard
Edwa : Woodhouse
Sam : Eyre
John Pooler
Phillip Ballard
Jo. Hill
Rich. Griffen

1693. Mr EYER Acco^t 21 feb 93.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd by rents quarterly	42	14	8
meddow in torton meddow hay left yearly rent	00	11	5
M^r pearce for Coles	01	14	0
Mr Norris for charges [1]	58	07	6
for ye math of torton meddow	00	08	0
	103	15	7

[1] The Governors must have won their suit with Norris.

	li.	s.	d.
p^d Schole Master	42	00	00
Collier a day	00	00	10
for 2 lo. Coles	01	09	0
L^ds rent	00	01	0
Jo^n Bird 1 day	00	01	0
4 Y^r laxey meddow	00	08	0
Intrest 30*li.*	01	10	0
for 30 foot bords nailes and labes	00	05	6
Bennit Gutring	00	05	0
M^r toy [1]	42	16	6
	88	16	10
p^d Mr Eyer serving sepeuny [2] & at Commition	00	05	00
	89	01	10
in box	14	13	09
	5	5	2
	19	18	11

We allow the Acco^t & chuse Collecter Robert Ballard.

Tho. Lowbridge	Edw. Woodhouse
Geruase Wheeler	Edward Harper
John Hill	Richard Griffin
Walter Donne	Phillip Ballard

ffeb. 28 : 93 Recevd Mr Skinner for hay in chantry meddow in 93 and put in boxe } 2*li.* 10*s.* 0*d.*
p^d Will. Williams 10*s.* back Againe.

1694. 25 May 1694.

	li.	s.	d.
Re'd y^n of Robert Ballard a fine for one Moyety of Chantry Meadow sixteen pounds	16	0	0
Taken out of the publick stock in the box fifteen pounds ten shillings	15	10	0

Both which Summs were then paid to Robert Fidkin the Parish Churchwarden in discharge of a thirty pound [3] Bond & one year's

[1] For Law expenses as in 1691. [2] Subpœna. [3] Borrowed in 1691.

interest due from ye Governours of the School to the poor of the Parish.

Remains in stock in ye box six pounds eight shillings & eleven pence.

1694. ROBT. BALLARD Acco^t 6 feb. 94.

	li.	s.	d.
Receivd in rents	45	06	01
M^r pearce for boys' fiering	01	15	00
	47	01	1
p^d M^r pearce & hancox	42	00	00
for chaines for bookes [1]	00	05	0
2 wagon load coles	01	08	0
L^d rent	00	01	0
4 cagements 19 foot	00	19	0
for staies, staples &c.	00	02	6
to Glasier	00	07	9
27 foot inch bords	00	03	6
40 foot ½ inch bords	00	03	4
nailes	00	01	6
lock key & hinges	00	01	02
to Jo^n Colcy worke	00	03	0
for bricke sand car^e & mending the walls	00	02	6
for lock	00	00	6
for king's tax [2] before I entred	00	02	0
Jo^n Bird for worke	00	00	6
	46	01	3
	00	19	10

left in box	6	8	11
Robt. Ballard put in	0	19	10
soe in Box Feb. 6, 94	7	08	9

Wee allow of his Acco^t & chuse Phillip Ballard for Collecter for the yeare ensewing.

[1] We presume, therefore, that there were some books belonging to the school—at least there was a Dictionary. See next year's account.

[2] Hearth money.

Wee doe Agree that if Richard Randell doe not pay 20s. for falling trees within A month he shall be sherved.

Will: Skinner[1]
Sam: Eyre
Geruase Wheeler
Tho: Lowbridge
Walter Dunn
Edw: Woodhouse
Jo: Hill
Edward Harper
Jo: Pooler
Jo: Ballard

1695. ffeb. 26th 1695 PHILLIP BALLARD Accot.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd in rents	45	06	01
pd scholemasters	42	00	00
pd for coles 15*s.* carring in 6*d.*	00	15	06
mending windowes	00	02	06
chaine to dixnary[2]	00	01	02
Lds rent	00	01	00
mending walls	00	01	00
mending seates	00	00	08
	43	01	10
due	02	04	03
in box	07	08	09
soe in box 26 feb. 95	09	13	00
gave Hancox	01	00	00
soe left	08	13	00

We chuse for Collecter John Ballard

Sam. Eyre — Walt. Dunn
Robert Ballard — Ger. Wheeler
Tho. Lowbridge — Jo. Hill
Jon Pooler — *Toke ought*[3] *of the Box* 1 3 0

[1] He died 26 August, 1695, aged 59, having been Rector 25 years.

[2] Dictionary.

[3] Took out.

1697. September 21th 97.

WE the Governers of the free schole of Hartlebury whose names are underwritten doe chuse & elect the persons undernamed to fill up the vacansy of Governers wanting.

Imprimis

Mr James Stillingfleeth [1]
Mr Hen. Whitager
Robt. ffidkin
John Maning of torton
Job Noxson
Emanuell fidkin
James Willmott
John Thorne
John Prattenton
Hen. Woodward

John Hill Collector
Edw. Woodhouse
Robt. Ballard
Richard Griffen
Tho. Lowbridge
John Ballard
Walter Donne

At the meeting of ye Governrs of ye free School of Hartlebury the twentieth day of October An'o D'ni 1697 Wee John Hill, Thomas Lowbridge, Edward Woodhouse, John Ballard, Robert Ballard, Walter Donne being Governrs of the ffree school of Hartlebury Do elect & chose the p'sons underwritten to fill up the places of Governrs now vacant (vizt).

James Stillingfleet, gent., Henry Whitaker, Robt. ffidkin, John Maning of Torton, Job Noxon, Emanuel ffidkin, James Willimott, John Thorne, John Prattenton & Henry Woodward.

John Hill
Tho : Lowbridge
Walter Dunn
Robert Ballard
John Ballard
Edwa : Woodhouse

[1] Son of the Bishop; pupil of Richard Bentley; Rector of Hartlebury for 40 years, and also Dean of Worcester from 1707 till his death. He built the present Rectory.

Memorand. That on the s^{d} 20th day of October, 1697, the p'sons undernamed did take their respective oaths as Govern^{rs} of the s^{d} school.

James Stillingfleet	Jur.	Emanuel ffidkin	Jur.
Thos. Lowbridge	Jur.	Job Noxon	Jur.
Henry Whitaker	Jur.	Henry Woodward	Jur.
Edwd. Woodhouse	Jur.	John Prattenton	Jur.
Robert Ballard	Jur.	John Hill	Jur.
Robert ffidkin	Jur.	Walter Donne	Jur.
John Ballard	Jur.		
John Thorne	Jur.		

1697. Mercurii decimo Die Novembr. 1697.

At an Assembly of the Govern^{rs} of the ffree Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury. Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed do in the places & steads of Gervase Wheeler Richd Thatcher & John Maning of Torton Elect & Chose Wm Skeeler Wm Wheeler & Thomas Best of Charton to be Govern^{rs} of the said school.

James Stillingfleet	John Ballard
John Hill	Edwa : Woodhouse
Hen : Whitaker	Job Noxon
Robert ffidkin	John Thorne
Emannuell ffidkin	

Memorand. That on the s^{d} Tenth Day of November 1697 the p'sons under named did take their respective oaths as Govern^{rs} of the said school

Samuel Eyre	Jur.
James Willmott	Jur.
Thomas Best	Jur.
Richard Griffin	Jur.
William Skeeler	Jur.
William Wheeler	Jur.

THE ACCO[t] of John Ballard who was Collector for the year 1696.

M[d] that John Ballard p[d] 17s. for the charge of Attending the Com[rs] of Charitable uses so that there was in his hands 19s. 3d. w[ch] hee then p[d] to Robt ffidkin.

	li.	s.	d.
Rec'd the School Rents amounting to	45	06	01
p[d] to the Schoolmaster & Usher	42	00	00
p[d] for Repaires &c.	01	09	10
Remaines in his hands	01	16	03

This' Acc[t] was allowed by Tho: Lowbridge, John Pooler, Edw[d] Woodhouse, John Hill, Robt: Ballard, Rich[d] Griffin, Edw[d] Harper.

At an Assembly or Co[rt] of the Govern[rs] of the ffree Gram'ar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the County of Worc[r] holden on Wednesday the ninth day of March com'only called Ash Wednesday in the Tenth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord W[m] the Third of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c. Annoq[e] D'ni 1697. The Acc[t] of John Hill the p'sent Collect[r] of the Rents of y[e] s[d] School stated & allowed by the Govern[rs] hereafter named.

	li.	s.	d.
Rec[d] of M[r] Norris	08	00	00
of John Manning	06	02	00
of John Harward for the Inn & lands belonging to it	13	00	00
of John Harward for the Chantry Meadow	02	18	00
of Edw[d] Crane	02	00	00
of M[r] Gerv. Wheeler	02	00	00
of John Wall	02	00	00
of Robt: Ballard	02	00	00
of Hugh Auden	03	00	00
of Christopher Smith	03	06	08
of Hugh Auden	00	06	08
of John Cobb	00	08	00
of John Thorne	00	02	06
of M[r] James Willmott for Clents & Tollyes lands	00	02	01
of Tho: Best	00	00	02
TOT.	45	06	01

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Disbursed for Lime, tile & mason's work	01	04	02
For coales and carrying 'em in	00	13	00
To Mr Eyre	00	01	00
To the Schoolmaster 32*li.* and Usher 10*li.*	42	00	00
TOT	43	18	02
Recvd 1*li.* 7*s.* 5*d.* which Mr Hill pd unto Robert ffidkin	01	07	05

Wee elect Robert ffidkin and Henry Whitaker Collectors of the Rents etc. of the sd School for the year ensueing.

James Stillingfleet
Sam : Eyre
Hen : Whitaker
William Skeeler
Robt Ballard
Edwa : Woodhouse
Emanuel ffidkin
Robert ffidkin
Job Noxon
Henry Woodward
Will : Wheeler

1698. At a Cort of the Governors of the ffree Gram'er School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the County of Worcr holden on Tuesday the 27th day of September in the Tenth year of the Raign of Willm the Third of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith etc. Annoq. D'ni 1698 The Tenants of the said School lands being sum'oned to appear Wm Norris John Harward John Maning and Edward Crane did appear accordingly and the sd Will: Norris then promised to pay the sd Governors for such Trees as they should prove or make appear he had cut or felled on the School Land and not used and employed upon it.

Md That John Maning acknowledged that hee had fallen Trees which grew on the School Land and used it on his owne Land and promised to satisfy the Governors for the sd Trees.

Ordered that Philipp Lamb do and shall forthwth pay 10*s.* for a Tree by him felled on Cutts Acre being School Land.

J. Stillingfleet	Robert Ballard	Thomas Best
Sam: Eyre	Walter Donne	John Prattenton
James Wilmott	John Ballard	Hen: Whitaker
Edwd Woodhouse	William Wheeler	
Henry Woodward	Emanuel ffidkin	
Richard Griffin	Robert ffidkin	

At a Cor^{t} or Meeting of ye Governo^{rs} of ye ffree Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the County of Worc^{r} holden and had on Wednesday ye Two and Twentyeth day of February com'only called Ash Wednesday in the Eleaventh year of the Raign of our Soveraign Lord Willm the Third of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King etc. and in the year of our Lord 1698.

Robt ffidkins and Henry Whitakers Acc^{ts} as Collecto^{rs} of ye s^{d} School were stated upon which it appeareth that they had received of

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Mr W. Norris	08	00	00
John Maning	06	02	00
John Harward	15	18	00
Edwyn Crane	02	00	00
Mr Wheeler	02	00	00
John Wall	02	00	00
Robt Ballard	02	00	00
Hugh Audell	03	00	00
Christopher Smyth	03	06	08
Hugh Audell for the perry mill	00	06	08
John Cob	00	08	00
John Thorn	00	02	06
Mr Wilmott and Mr Prattenton	00	02	01
Thomas Best	00	00	02
TOT.	45	06	01
p^{d} to Mr Pierce the Schoolmaster	32	00	00
p^{d} to ye Usher	10	00	00
Disbursed for other Things contained in a Paper or Note hereunto annexed	03	05	05
TOT.	45	05	05
So there Remained in their Hands	02	07	04

Memorand. That John Maning p^d^ for Trees which he felled on the School Land and used in making a Perry-Mill ye sum of *2li.* 02 00 00

Mr Norris was sumoned but did not appear.

Wee do desire Robt ffidkin and Henry Whitaker to continue and Elect them to be Collectors of ye Rents etc. of ye s^d^ School for ye year ensuing and do allow the s^d^ Acc^t^.

Note ye s^d^ Remain^g^ 2li. 7s. 4d. and. 2li. p^d^ by John Maning is in ye Hands of Robt ffidkin besides 10s. which he rec^d^ of Richd Randle.

J. Stillingfleet
Sam : Eyre
Robert Ballard
William Wheeler
Emanuel fidkine
Job Noxon
James Willmott
Henry Woodward
John Ballard

1699. AT a Co^rt^ or Meeting of the Governo^rs^ of the ffree Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in ye County of Worc^r^ holden & had on Wednesday the ffourteenth day of ffebruary com'only called Ash-Wednesday in the Twelfth year of the Raign of our Soveraign Lord William the Third by the Grace of God of England, Scotland ffrance & Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c. and in the year of our Lord 1699.

The Acc^ts^ of Robt ffidkin & Henry Whitaker Collect^rs^ of the s^d^ school were stated & allowed whereupon it appeared That the s^d^ Henry Whitaker rec'd of Mr Wm Norris for one yeares Rent

ending at Christmas last	08	00	00
of Mr Harward	15	18	00
of John Maning	06	02	00
of Edwin Crane	02	00	00
of Mr Wheeler	02	00	00
of John Wall	02	00	00
of Robt. Ballard	02	00	00
of Hugh Auden	03	06	08

	li.	s.	d.
of Christopher Smith	03	06	08
of John Cobb	00	08	00
of John Thorne	00	02	06
of Mr James Willmot & Wid. Prattenton	00	02	01
of Thomas Best	00	00	02
TOT.	45	06	01
pd Mr Peirce his Stipend	32	00	00
pd Mr Hancocks his Stipend	10	00	00
pd the Lord Bpp's Rent	00	01	00
TOT.	42	01	00
Remr	03	05	01
The sd Robt: ffidkin hath Disbursed to Joseph Woodhouse & Bird for the Table	00	10	00
for felling Timber for ye School & House	00	02	04
for drawing the Timber	00	04	00
for Stone and Carriage	00	05	00
for Lime & Carriage	00	04	08
To Jackson & Bird for Repaires of the School-mrs house	00	04	08
To John Coley for Repaires of ye School	00	09	01
To Jackson for worke at the School	00	04	06
ffor Brick & Carryage	00	05	00
pd Wm Heming for serveing Jackson	00	01	00
Cleansing the Ditch by the School to lower the ground	00	01	00
TOT.	02	11	01
So there Remanes in the hands of Robt. ffidkin	02	06	03

ORDERED & AGREED That ffour pounds part of sd money remaining in the hands of the sd Robt ffidkin & Henry Whitaker be pd to Mr Peirce Head School Master of the sd School towards the charges hee has been at Building a Study & Room over it to the House he lives in,

Wee do Elect Job Noxon & Mr Wheeler to be Collectors for the year ensueing.

AGREED & ORDERED that Twenty Shillings be pd to Mr Hancocks the Usher of the sd School.

Memorand. that Eleaven Shillings & four pence was pd & delivered to the sd Job Noxon.

J. Stillingfleet	William Wheeler
Hen : Whitaker	Edwd Woodhouse
Job Noxon	Ema : ffidkin
Robt : ffidkin	Robert Ballard
Henry Woodward	John Ballard

1700. Veneris 26o die July 1700[1].

AT an Assembly of the Governors of the ffree Gram'er School in Hartlebury wee whose names are hereunto subscribed do elect & choose John Hill the younger of Torton to be one of the Governors of the said schoole in the roome of Wm Skiler deceased & Mr Edwine Eyre in the roome of Thomas Best late deceased, and the said John Hill the younger did then take the Oath of Governor according to the Statutes of the said Schoole. (my Ld Bishop [2] being present.)

Hen : Whitaker
The mark of John × Hill th'elder
William Wheeler
Robert ffidkin
Emanuel ffidkin
Edwd Woodhouse
Job Noxon
Henry Woodward
John Thorne
John Prattenton

Veneris secundo die Augusti 1700.

At an assembly of the Governors of the Free Gram'ar Schoole

[1] This entry and the next are in the handwriting of Francis Evans, secretary to Bishop Lloyd, whose Diary was published by the Society last year.

[2] William Lloyd, one of the seven Bishops imprisoned in the Tower.

in Hartlebury It was agreed by us whose names are subscribed that John Harward upon the surrender of his Old Lease in wch his own life is only in being should have a new Lease of the Inne and the lands therewith held for his own and his two sonnes lives, the rent being raised from 13*li.* to Nineteen pounds per Annum and the said John Harward being to advance seaven Pounds ten shillings in pursuance of a former agreem^{t} and the buildings being far out of repair, wee have allowed ye said John Harward fifty shillings part of it towards buying timber for ye repair of ye buildings and wee do agree that out of the remaining five pounds wch is to be charged in the Collectors' Account the said Collectors shall speedily lay out as much as is necessary for the building of a decent and convenient house of office for the use of the School. (all this was done in my Ld Bishop's p^{r}esence and wth his consent and approbac'on.)

Witnesse our hands.

Hen: Whitaker
William Wheeler
Robert ffidkin
James Willmott
Edwd Woodhouse
Emanuel ffidkin
Job Noxon
Henry Woodward
John Ballard
Richard Griffin
John Hill
John Thorne

1701. Att an assembly of the Governo^{rs} of the free Grammar Schole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury the nynth day of June Anno d'^{ni} 1701 wee whose names are hereunto subscribed Governo^{rs} of the sayd Schole have elected and chosen and doe hereby elect and chuse John Perkes[1] (the son of John Perkes of Stoke Prior in the County

[1] He was also Curate to James Stillingfleet, Rector of Hartlebury, and Dean of Worcester.

of Worc^{r}) Clerke to be head Scholemaster of the said free Grammar Schole in the Roome and stead of ffrancis Pierce dece^{d} late Scholemaster there.

Edwyn Eyre	Robert ffidkin
Tho: Lowbridge	Henry Woodward
Hen: Whitaker	William Wheeler
Richard Griffin	Robert Ballard
John Hill	John Ballard
Emanuel ffidkin	

Mr NOXON Acco^{t} 18 feb. 1701 for two last yeare.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
for rent this yeare	51	06	01
Recev^{d} in Stock	00	11	04
by Mr Pearce from Jo^{n} Harward	05	00	00
Rec^{d} Mr Norris ½ yeares rent last yeare	04	00	00
Rec^{d} Mr Wheeler	02	05	01
	63	02	06
P^{d} by note for repaire Scole and necessary house	17	05	02½
P^{d} the Scolemasters	42	00	00
	59	05	02½
Due	03	17	03½

Mr WHEELER account for 1700.

Recev^{d} in rents	44	06	01
Mem. Mr Noxon recev^{d} 4li. Mr Norris last year			
P^{d} Scolemaster	42	00	00
L^{ds} rent	00	01	00
P^{d} Mr Noxon	02	05	01
	44	06	01

Mr WILL: WHEELER Account for 1701.

Recev^{d} for wast at base falling A elme without leave and wee had the elme besides	01	00	00
P^{d} by Mr Noxon to Mr Wheeler	00	10	02
P^{d} by Mr Wheeler odd payments	01	10	02

	li.	s.	d.
due from Mr Noxon above	03	17	03½
he pd Mr Wheeler	00	10	02
due from Mr Noxon	03	07	01½
pd Mr hancox for writing the statutes	00	14	00
due and pd Mr Eyre	02	13	01½

Mem : He charges boatmen for 53 *daies at* 14*d. ye day and has pd but* 1*s. ye day soe if doth not pay the* 2*d. ye day more to allow it back being* 8*s.* 10*d.*

Allowed by us.

We chuse for Collecters Mr Stillingfleet and Mr Eyre.

Mr Noxon pd Mr Eyre the	2	13	01½

Thomas Lowbridge
Hen : Whitaker
Emanuel ffidkin
Robert ffidkin
Robert Ballard
John Ballard
John Hill
Rich. Griffen
Henry Woodward
John Thorne

1702. 10th ffebruary 1702.

Mr EYRES Collector of the Schole rents last yeare his acct.

	li.	s.	d.
His Receipts come to (of Mr Noxon as before 2*li.* 13*s.* 01½*d.*) for yearely rents 51*li.* 06*s.* 01*d.* tot	53	19	02½
He has payd to Mr Pearkes Scholemaster his yeares Sallary	32	00	00
And to Mr Hancox Usher	10	00	00
He has payd by other payments	01	07	11
	43	07	11
In arreare	10	11	03½

The day and yeare above the Governors granted a Lease to John Thorne of a Close of grounde beinge ab° 3 acres called Cutts acre

& tooke fifty shillings for a fyne & advanced two shillings six pence yearely soe the rent is now five shillings.

Expended by the Governo^{rs} the last yeare upon the Schole Acc^{t} Thirty shillings and sixpence wch was then payd out of th'above arreare.

Wee the subscribers hereto nominate for Collecto^{rs} for the yeare ensueinge Henry Woodward & John Hill.

And if ye sum of one hundred pounds can be borrow^{d} at ye interest of 5 p'c' by ye Govcrn^{re} for ye use of ye School: & one hundred pound more can be procured by way of Subscription, by Gentlemen y^{t} are willing to advance so good a work, y^{n} we ye Govern^{rs} of ye said school do design to take proper methods for building a new house for ye School Master: his pres^{t} habitation being now very ruinous[1].

Mr Eyre then payd to Henry Woodward the before nominated Collecto^{r} Six powndes Nyneteene Shillinges and six pence (and Thirty Shillings and sixpence before p^{d} on ye schole acc^{t}) makes Eight powndes Tenne shillings towards the arreare of 10*li.* 11*s.* 3½*d.* soe there is more due Two powndes one shillinge & three pence halfepenny which was then payd to Henry Woodward soe that Henry Woodward has in his hands (with J^{n} Thornes 50*s.* fyne money) Eleven powndes tenne shillinges nyne pence halfepenny Soe Mr Eyre has payd his whole arreare of 10*li.* 11*s.* 3½*d.*

James Stillingfleet
Hen. Whitaker
Emanuel ffidkin
Robert ffidkin
Richard Griffin
William Wheeler
John Ballard
Henry Woodward
John Hill

1703. Hen. Woodward's Acco^{t} March 1 1703.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recevd by rents	51	08	7
Recevd Mr Eyre	11	10	9½
	62	19	4½

[1] In the handwriting of Dean Stillingfleet.

	li.	s.	d.			
pd Mr Perkes	32	00	00			
Mr hancox	10	00	00			
Glasier	00	10	00			
Mending grate & lock	00	05	01			
Jon Jacksons	00	03	00			
Jon Coley	00	02	00			
lime	00	00	06			
spent	00	02	08			
brick	00	03	00			
coles	00	00	03			
Ld's rent	00	01	00			
	43	07	06	43	07	06
due from Hen. Woodward				19	11	10½
pd Mr hancox out				02	10	00
Soe in Hen. Woodward's hands				17	01	10½
Recevd put in the boxe				13	01	10
due from him				4	00	00½

Witnes our hands on other side.

Wee allow of Hen. Woodward's Accot on other side by us.

Tho : Lowbridge	Robert Ballard	Emanuel ffidkin
Hen : Whitaker	Edn Eyre	John Thorne
Robert ffidkin	Edw : Woodhouse	
John Prattenton	William Wheeler	
John Hill		

We continue John Hill & Henry Woodward Collectrs for year ensuing.

It is ordered by ye Governours yt ye Schoolmaster's house shall forthwith be repaired, & yt ye Collectrs do take care to provide all materials necessary to ye doing of it wth all convenient speed [1].

Wittnes or hands ye 1st March 1703.

Edn Eyre	Emanuel ffidkin
Edwd Woodhouse	Hen : Whitaker
Robert Ballard	Tho : Lowbridge
John Hill	Robert ffidkin
William Wheeler	John Thorne
John Prattenton	Henry Woodward

[1] In the handwriting of Dean Stillingfleet.

April 30th 1704. Hen: Woodward had out of
the boxes & was in his hands 17*li.* 01*s.* 10½*d.*
witnes my hand

Henry Woodward.

17° Die Maii 1704.

In considerac'on that ye Governors of Hartlebury School have Agreed & made an order to Erect a new Building in such manner as appears on ye opposite page I John Pearkes Cl'k being ye prsent Schoolmaster of ye sd School do promise to pay unto ye Governors ye sum of Two & Thirty pounds towards ye said Building. Witness my Hand

John Pearkes.

At a meeting of ye Governors of ye free Gram'ar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in ye county of Worcr on Wednesday ye 17th day of May in ye year of our Lord 1704 It is Agreed & ordered by ye sd Governors as followeth.

first. That ye old Building of ye School master's House belonging to ye sd school shall be pulled down & in ye Room & place of it a new Building to extend towards ye East from ye new building of ye same house that is now standing in length one & ffifty ffeet & ffifteen ffoot in Breadth shall be Erected of equal heigth wth ye sd new Building now standing and that in order thereto & towards ye Doeing thereof ye sd Governors shall & will take up & borrow of ye sd P'ish of Hartlebury the sum of seaventy seaven pounds or so much as shalbe necessary.

Secondly. That ye Interest of such sum & sums of money as shalbe so taken up & borrowed shall be yearly payd by the said Governors out of ye Rents & Revenues of ye said school unto ye officer of ye sd p'ish for ye time being.

Jam: Stillingfleet	John Hill
Tho: Lowbridge	Robert Ballard
Hen: Whitaker	Richard Griffin
Eman: ffidkin	Henry Woodward
William Wheeler	Edwd Woodhouse
John Thorne	Robert ffidkin

Decemb^{r} ye 18 1704.

Wee whose names are underwritten being ye major part of Governours present do declare y^{t} upon ye day above written we did elect Mr Geo: Vernon to be School Master of Hartlebury School in ye room of Mr Perks, late School Master there[1].

Witness our hands

J. Stillingfleet
Edwd Woodhouse
Emanuel ffidkin
Robert ffidkin
John Thorne
John Hill
Richard Griffen
John Prattenton

1704. HEN: WOODWARD'S Acco^{ts} Feb. 21 1704.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recev^{d} Mr Wheeler poors money	39	00	00
Recev^{d} Mr Eyre 4*li.* & 14*li.* poors money	18	00	00
Rec. Will: Inch poors money	10	00	00
Jan: 24 Rec. Jo^{n} thorne poors money	10	00	00
Mr Perkes he was to allow towards building house	32	00	00
Recev^{d} left Ash Wendsday in boxe	17	01	11
	126	01	11
P^{d} by note payments	113	00	03
P^{d} use money will be due 25 March 1705 from scole	001	16	02
	114	16	05
to ballance	11	05	06

JOHN HILL Acco^{t}.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*			
Recev^{d} by Scole Rents				51	08	07
P^{d} Scolemasters	42	00	00			
P^{d} car^{e} 9100 brick	01	10	04			
Spent	00	04	06			
P^{d} car: 3400 brick williams	00	11	04			
Car: 2 lo timber tinfields	00	06	00			
L^{ds} Rent	00	01	00			
Spent governors	00	10	00			
	45	03	02	45	03	02
P^{d} Richard Griffin this				06	05	05

[1] Let us hope he got some good post, as he contributed a whole year's salary towards rebuilding the master's house.

21th Feb. 1704. The whole of the poors money is seaventy seaven poundes & the Intrest is allowed to the parish to 25 March next.

Wee allow of Hen: Woodward & John Hill accots and we chuse for Collectors Richard Griffen and John Thorne & the seavteen pounds ten shillings and eleven pence is paid Rich: Griffen.

	li.	s.	d.
Rich: Griffen Rec. Hen: Woodward	11	05	6
Rich: Griffen Rec. of Jon Hill	06	05	5
	17	10	11

Wee agree to allow Mr Hancox ten shillinges a quarter more.
Soe three poundes A quarter to be paid Mr Hancox for future.

Jam: Stillingfleet
Tho: Lowbridge
Hen: Whitaker
Edwd Woodhouse
Robert ffidkin
William Wheeler
John Thorne
Robert Ballard
Eman: ffidkin
Job Noxon
John Prattenton

1705. ffeb. 6th 1705.

Jo' THORNE Accot.

	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
Recevd by rents				51	08	07
Pd Scolemasters	32	00	00	44	00	00
Mr Hancox	12	00	00			
Pd Rich: Griffen				03	00	02
Pd Mr Evans				03	10	00
Pd for: lo coles				00	15	00
Pd Mr Eyre Lds rent				00	01	00
				51	06	02
Due to Scole				00	02	05

RICH : GRIFFEN Acco^{t}.	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
Rec. Hen : Woodward	11	05	06			
Jo^{n} hill	06	05	05	20	11	01
Jo^{n} thorne	03	00	02			
P^{d} Jo^{n} Bird	00	08	00			
P^{d} Hester Smith for damage	00	02	06			
P^{d} Etheridge for damage	00	05	00			
P^{d} Jacksons for plastring	00	06	00			
P^{d} Jo^{n} Bird more	00	16	06			
P^{d} for three C. bords	03	00	00			
P^{d} Jo^{n} Jackson and Son more	00	04	07			
P^{d} for 12 st : haier	00	08	00			
P^{d} Jacksons plastring 3 roomes & sealing one	01	00	00	20	11	01
P^{d} bird	00	01	00			
P^{d} for 600 bords	05	02	00			
P^{d} for lead	05	07	06			
P^{d} Hadd for glasing	01	00	00			
P^{d} Sam : England	01	15	00			
P^{d} to Jo^{n} bird more	00	15	00			

Wee allow of the acco^{ts} above & chuse Rich : Griffen & Jo^{n} thorne for Collectors for next yeare.

Tho : Lowbridge

1706. ATT a meetinge of the Governo^{rs} of the ffree Grammar Schole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartlebury in ye County of Worcester upon Wednesday the 18th day of September Anno d'ni 1706 Itt is agreed and ordered by the s^{d} Governours as followeth.

That as wel for the Satisfyinge of sev'al debts and sumes of money due from and contracted by the s^{d} Governo^{rs} in and ab' the buildinge of ye schoole-house belonginge to ye s^{d} schole and interest of money lent to them for ye same purpose as alsoe for rayseinge money towards ye finishinge and makeinge the sayd Scholehouse habitable, the sume of Thyrty powndes be forthwith borrowed And for ye secureinge ye payment whereof with ye interest, three, fowre

or more of the Governo^{rs} shall or may by bond or otherwise oblige or engage themselves, And itt is likewise agreed and ordered that the first fyne or fynes that shall be made or reced. out of or by ye lands belonginge to the s^{d} schole (which shall be done as soon as conveniently itt may be) and ye rents Issues and p'fitts that shall be raysed out of ye said lands shall goe and be payd in satisfaccon of the sayd sume of Thyrty powndes and ye interest that shall grow due for ye same.

Jam : Stillingfleet
Ed^{n} Eyre
Emmanuel ffidkyn
Ro : ffidkin
William Wheeler
Robt Ballard
Henry Woodward
John Ballard
Rich : Griffin
John Thorne
Job Noxon
Hen : Whitaker
Tho : Lowbridge

1706 RICH : GRIFFEN Acco^{t} 26 Feb. 1706.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recev^{d} by rents	51	08	07
Recev^{d} Jo^{n} thorne left in his hands	00	02	05
Octo. borrowed M^{r} burlton at use	30	00	00
	81	11	00

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
P^{d} Mr Wells	32	00	00
1706 p^{d} Mr Hancox	12	00	00
Octo. p^{d} for lime & bond & charges of 30*li.* borrowed Mr Tho' burlton	00	12	02
p^{d} M^{r} ffidkin last yeares interest for the poor for 1705	03	17	00
p^{d} mince for nailes	00	11	02
p^{d} perry for nailes	00	06	08
p^{d} Jo^{n} Bird	01	00	00

	li.	s.	d.
pd for 2000 lath, dale bords & 8 st hair	01	09	00
pd for 400 paving brick & 4 C. other	00	10	00
pd for 100 paving brick & 5 C. other	00	06	06
pd Rich : Jackson sinking seller, & paving the staiercase	00	05	06
pd him for plastering, sealing parler, parler chamber & cockloff	01	08	00
pd selling hall chamber	00	07	06
pd Jon Bird	00	18	00
pd Harris	00	11	00
pd Bird Ju. 4*s.* also 6*d.*	00	04	06
pd for 10 strike hair & one C. hart lath	00	06	00
pd for 2li glew	00	00	10
pd Mr Evans & Mr Wheeler	01	03	06
pd for 8 lo. lime	00	10	00
pd for 3 C. brick	00	03	00
pd for hinges 7*s.* 4*d.* & Rich : Jackson 45*s.*	02	12	04
pd Bird 1*li.* John Bird Ju. 13*s.* Harris 13*s.* 6*d.*	02	06	08
pd 3 C. brick half C. paving	00	03	03
pd for 4li sreads 8*d.* ridge 4*d.*	00	01	00
pd Sam : England 41*s.* lime 2*s.* 6*d.*	02	03	06
pd purslow mending scole windows	00	03	09
pd tayler riding pit 1*s.* pd Rob : fidkin 15*s.*	00	16	00
pd Rob. fidkin for 3 C. half bords & 3 C. lath	02	17	03
pd Addy more for glasing	02	10	00
pd for feching lath dale bords & haier	00	03	00
pd for caring brick 4*s.* car. 3 lo. sand 4*s.*	00	08	00
pd car. 1 lo. clay 2*s.* car. 3 load sand 4*s.* lip yald	00	06	00

	li.	s.	d.			
p^d car. 6 C. brick 3*s.* 1 lo. stone lynall 14*d.*	00	04	02			
p^d for feching hair & 1 C. lath bewdley	00	01	06			
p^d for car. 3 C. brick 3*s.* unloading coles 6*d.*	00	03	06			
p^d Hen: Woodward for coles	00	15	00			
p^d Tho. mined	01	04	11½			
p^d Jo^n Bird	00	17	05			
p^d Sam: England 2*s.* 6*d.* l^d's rent 1*s.*	00	03	06			
p^d Jo^n Coley 9*d.* Rob. fidkin car. 1 lo. bords 3*s.* Tho. Lowbridge car. 1 lo. timber 7*s.*	00	10	09			
1705. Car. 1 lo. bords belchum 3*s.* 1 lo. ridnall 5*s.*	00	08	00			
Car. 2 lo. clay lipwald 4*s.* 3 lo. sand Illudge 4*s.*	00	08	00			
Car. 4 lo. hair Mr Noxson	00	01	00			
				77	09	08½
Car. the lead from Kidd. p^d purslow	01	01	06			
				79	01	02½
due				02	06	09½

Wee allow of the Acco^t of Rich: Griffen & there is due from him fforty nine shillinges & 9*d.* and we chuse for Collecters John Ballard & Jo^n Prattington for the two next yeare ensewing.

Tho' Lowbridge
Ed^n Eyre [1]
William Wheeler
Emanuel ffidkin
Robert ffidkin
Robert Ballard
John Hill
John Thorne
Henry Woodward

[1] "In memory of Edwyn Eyre, gent., one of her Majesty's Coroners, who departed this life 20th October, 1707, in the 46th year of his age. He discharged his office with great prudence and honesty; was an orthodox member of the Church, and a Constant and devout frequenter of its ordinances; shewed a tender and generous compassion to those under any affliction or distress; was a sincere and faithful friend, a just and kind master, an indulgent father, and the best of husbands."—*Monument in Hartlebury Church.*

1707. ffeb. 18th 1707.

	li.	s.	d.
due recev^d Rich. Grifen	02	09	09
Recevd by rents	51	08	07
	53	18	04

	li.	s.	d.
p^d Mr Wells	32	00	00
p^d M^r hancox	12	00	00
p^d for coles	00	15	06
Mr Burlton for Interest	01	10	00
p^d spent Jo. Nash	00	01	06
p^d Jo^n Coley for worke	00	01	03
L^d's rent	00	01	00
p^d poor use for 1706	03	17	00
p^d glasier mending scole windoes	01	02	00
	51	08	03
due to box officers	2	10	01

Wee allow of the Acco^ts of Jo^n Ballard above.

Tho. Lowbridge
Hen. Whitaker
Emanuel ffidkin
John Hill
Robert ffidkin
Robert Ballard
Richard Griffen
John Thorne
William Wheeler
Henry Woodward

1708. At a Meeting of the Governo^rs of the ffree Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the County of Worc^r on Ash wednesday being the Nineth Day of March in the year of our Lord 1708 It is Agreed & ordered as followeth viz.

	li.	s.	d.
John Prattenton one of the Collectors for the sd year is charged wth that yeares rent amounting to the sum of	51	08	07
John Prattenton has pd to Henry Woodward	01	06	11
To Mr Burlton for Interest	01	10	00
To Saml England	00	00	11
To Edward Warman for coal	00	11	06
To John Ballard for coal	00	13	06
ffor Takeing the oath	00	01	00
pd the Lord Bpp's rent	00	01	00
Surveying the land	00	01	00
To Mr Wells the School mar	32	00	00
To Mr Hancox the Usher	12	00	00
Tot. Pd	48	05	10

There is now in the hands of the sd John Prattenton 3*li.* 2*s.* 9*d.* wch sum he is ordered by the said Governors to Pay unto Mr Gervase Wheeler one of the Churchwardens of the P'ish of Hartlebury aforesd towards the Interest due for the Poors Money of the said Hartlebury and the residue of the sd Interest amounting to the sum of 14*s.* 3*d.* the Collectors for ye ensueing year are ordered to Pay to the sd Mr Wheeler.

Wee do allow of the said John Prattenton's sd Accots And do Elect Thomas Lowbridge Gent. and Robt Ballard to be Collectors of the Rents & Revenues of the said School for Two years next ensueing.

Hen. Whitaker
William Wheeler
Robert Ballard
John Hill
Emanuel ffidkin
Robert ffidkin
John Thorne
Richard Griffin
Henry Woodward
John Ballard

1709. ROBT. BALLARD Acco^{t} 22 feb. 1709.

	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
Recevd by rents				51	08	07
	li.	s.	d.			
p^{d} Mr Wells	32	00	00			
p^{d} M^{r} hancox	12	00	00			
p^{d} purslow	01	02	06			
p^{d} use money to poor was due last yeare	00	14	03			
p^{d} M^{r} burton 1 y're use due 3 of octo.	01	10	00			
p^{d} for coles	01	06	00			
L^{ds} rent	00	01	00			
	48	13	09			
p^{d} Rich. Griffen he p^{d} for lead	00	08	00			
	49	01	09			
ordered to pay the poor house rent	02	06	10			
	51	08	07			

We allow of his Acco^{ts}.

Tho : Lowbridge	Rich : Griffen
Rob : ffidkin	John Ballard
Hen : Whitaker	John Hill
William Wheeler	Henry Woodward

feb. 22. 1709.

Whereas we the Governers of the free Gramother scole in hartelbury conceiving it not soe proper or convenient to take the Acco^{ts} of the revenues of the s^{d} scole on Ach Wendsday yearely doe thinke fit & soe order that for the future the s^{d} Acco^{ts} shall be taken yearly on sroftwesday.

Agst Statute[1].

Tho: Lowbridge
Hen : Whitaker
Rob: ffidkin
William Wheeler
Henry Woodward
John Hill
John Ballard
Richard Griffin

[1] In the handwriting of Dean Stillingfleet.

1710. THO: LOWBRIDGE Acco^{t} 13 feb. 1710.

	li.	s.	d.
Recev^{d} rents	51	08	07

Mem: Marshall is 1*s. a yeare more due from Marshall in arreare twenty shillings nine pence.*

	li.	s.	d.
To Scolemasters	44	00	00
3 Ap. 1710 spent setting out Manning land	00	01	06
May 8. spent about changing it	00	04	00
No. 7. p^{d} William Williams use	01	14	00
„ 21. p^{d} spent when went to vew Mr Norris house	00	02	06
p^{d} Rich. Griffen for one lo. coles	00	12	00
3 feb. p^{d} M^{r} burton 1 yeares use due 3 of Octo.	01	10	00
p^{d} Sam: England	00	00	08
	48	04	08
p^{d} Mr Addy in full	01	00	00
	49	04	08
p^{d} Jo^{n} Thorn for stone and meare[1] stone & carradge to Manning Land	00	05	00
	49	09	08
p^{d} Lord's Rent	00	01	00

We allow of Tho. Lowbridge Acco^{ts} above & chuse for Collectors Mr Whitager, M^{r} fidkin.

due & p^{d} to Jos. Prattington	1	17	11

Tho: Lowbridge
Jo: Thorne
Hen: Whitaker
Henry Woodward
Job Noxon
William Wheeler
Robert ffidkin
Robert Ballard
John Hill

[1] Boundary.

Mem^{d} that it's agreed by the Govern^{rs} of the free Gram^{r} School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury in Worcester-shire that in consideration of the sum of Twenty Three pounds of Lawful money of Great Brittain to be payd by Thomas Lowbridge of the said parish of Hartlebury Gent. on or before the first day of Aprill wch shall be in ye year of our Lord one thousand seaven hundred and Eleaven unto the s^{d} Governo^{rs} a demise or Grant of certain Lands call'd Tinn ffields in the parish of Hartlebury afores^{d} wch one Margaret Green wife of one —— Green shoomaker whose maiden name was Margaret Wall now holds for her life wch lands are now in the possession or occupation of Edmund Etheridge of the parish of Elmley Lovet in the s^{d} County of Worcester shall after the death or surrender of the s^{d} Margaret and her s^{d} Husband be made by the s^{d} Govern^{rs} to the s^{d} Thomas Lowbridge his heirs & assigns f^{r} ye lives of Saml Lowbridge son and heir apparent of the s^{d} Thomas Lowbridge and Thomas Willmott Grandson to the s^{d} Thomas Lowbridge.

Memorand. that before the first day of April Anno Dom. 1711 *the above named Thomas Lowbridge Gent paid unto Robert ffidkin one of the Collectors of ye ffree Grammer Schoole of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury ye sum of two & twenty pounds in Pursuance of ye above written Agreement. Robert ffidkin.*

Hen. Whitaker
Robert ffidkin
William Wheeler
Henry Woodward
Job Noxon
John Thorne
Emanuell ffidkin

1711. Mr ROBT. FFIDKIN Acco^{t} March 4 1711.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Recevd by rent	51	09	7
Jo^{n} harward for fine	15	00	0
	66	09	7
Tho : Lowbridge for his fine for tinfeilds	22	00	0
	88	09	7

	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
p^d Scolemasters	44	00	00			
p^d Mr Burlton A bond off	30	15	00			
p^d Jos: prattington for the poor use last yeare in full	02	00	00			
p^d phillip ballard 1 yeares use for this yeare	03	17	00	82	06	02
p^d glazier	00	09	00			
p^d for Coles	01	04	02			
p^d Ld's rent	00	01	00			
REST DUE				06	03	05

	li.	s.	d.
put in the boxes	05	00	01
due from Hester Smith	00	16	08
due from Ja: Maning	00	06	08
	06	03	05

Wee allow of the Acco^t above & Chuse Mr William Wheeler for Collecter for next yeare ensueing.

Tho: Lowbridge — John Thorne
William Wheeler — Henry Woodward
John Ballard — Eman: fidkin

1712. feb. 17 : 1712. Mr WILL: WHEELER Acco^t.

	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
Recevd rents	51	09	7			
Will: Skeeler doth not pay as di'^d[1] soe rent	50	12	0	50	17	7
Left in box 4 March & then receive				06	03	5
				57	01	0
p^d Mr Wells	32	00	00			
p^d M^r hancox	12	00	00			
spent in twice vewing in keeler & manninge's estate	00	04	6			
p^d for load coles	00	16	0			
p^d mending lock	00	00	4			
p^d for A new lock & putting on	00	00	6			
p^d Ld's rent	00	01	0			
	45	02	4			

[1] Directed.

	li.	s.	d.
pd Mic. harward 1 yeare use of poores 77*li.*	03	17	0
pd Mr Addy	00	11	0
In arreare Jo: harward 4*li.* 15*s.* 0*d.* Jon thorne 0*li.* 05*s.* 0*d.*	05	00	0
	54	10	4
put in the box	2	10	8
& Jon harwards in arrears 4 15 0; Jon thorne 0 05 0	5	00	0
SOE TO BE IN ALL	7	10	8

Wc allow of the Accot & chuse for Collector Job Noxson.

Tho: Lowbridge — John Ballard
Robert ffidkin — Henry Woodward

1713. feb. 9th 1713.

Mr NOXSON Accot of scole rents.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd Jon Harwards due 25 Dec. for 1 yeare	19	00	00
of Jos. Guest	02	18	00
Marshall	03	01	00
Smith land late 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ab. 10*s.* ½ the tenant dying	02	16	8½
Mrs Mary Wheeler	02	00	00
Margt Wall	02	00	00
Robt. Ballard	02	00	00
Mr Crane	02	00	00
Mr Will Skeeler for the sold land by lease	05	10	00
for 2 yeares cheefe rent for his free land	01	04	00
Jo: Thorne	00	05	00
Widd: prattington 1*s.* ½*d.* Tho: Lowbridge 1*s.* ½*d.* for a yeare or yearely	00	02	01
John Manning yearly	00	06	08
John Cob yearly	00	08	00
Tho: Best yearly	00	00	02

	li.	s.	d.
Recev^{d} of Jo^{n} Wall in yt his rent for this yeare being 22*li.* & to allow him for standing 13 Acres Mr Morris sowed 4*li.* 06*s.* 8*d.* & to allow him for queen taxes 25 March last 0*li.* 05*s.* 7½*d.* due more from Wall 7*li.* 7*s.* 8½*d.*	10	00	00
Recev^{d} Mr Wheeler was in arrears of Jo. Harward & Jo^{n} Thorne	05	00	00
	58	10	11½
p^{d} Mr Wells 32*li.*: Mr. hancox 12*li.*	044	00	0
p^{d} M^{r}Addy for glasing 6*s.* p^{d} Mr Coxe for advice	000	14	6
p^{d} for Coles 16*s.* spent at thrice 9*s.*	001	05	0
p^{d} poor levey for Smith's land	000	00	10
	46	00	04
in arrear M^{r} harward (4 li. 15 s. 0 d.)			
guest 9*s.* Elly 13*s.* 1½*d.* (1 li. 02 s. 1½ d.)	5	17	1½
p^{d} spent more	00	12	4
	52	09	9½
rest due from Mr Noxson	06	07	2
p^{d} for Ld's rent	00	01	0
soe due from Mr Noxson	06	00	2

We chuse for Collector Hen: Woodward.
Allowed Mr Noxson Acco^{t}
Tho: Lowbridge.

feb. 9 1713.

	li.	s.	d.
Mr Noxon ordered to pay the use money	3	17	0
& to pay Mr Wells 1*li.* Mr Hancox 1*li.*	2	00	0
soe in his hand when 5*li.* 17*s.* p^{d}	0	03	2

	li.	s.	d.
which is put in box	0	3	2
left last yeare	2	10	8
now in box	2	13	10

Allowed by us

Tho: Lowbridge	John Ballard
William Wheeler	Robert ffidkin
Robert Ballard	Henry Woodward

	li.	s.	d.
Mr pew pd Hen : Woodward for altering the lives	1	1	6

Memorandm yt I William Skeeler tennt to ye ffree Grammer school at Hartlebury doe acknowledge that ye ffree Lands wch I have in Right of my wife Anne daughter of John Manning now or late of Whitlench in this parish is liable to a Chief or yearly Rent or Charge of Twelve shillings to the sd School issuing out of ye Lands aforesd payable Quarterly wch I p'mise yt I my heires execrs or admrs will pay accordingly.

Witness my hand this seaventeenth day of November 1714.

William Skeeler

Witness Gervas Eyre
Jn : Eyre
Joseph Woodhouse

1714. HEN : WOODWARD March 1 1714.

	li.	s.	d.
Rec. Jon harward	19	00	0
Jos. Guest due 24th Sept. last	02	18	0
Rich. Williams	03	01	00
Hum. England	03	10	00
Mrs Mary Wheeler	02	00	00
Margt Greene	02	00	00
Robt. Ballard	02	00	00
Mr bach	02	00	00
Mr Will Skeeler for the schole land by lease	05	10	00
for 1 Yrs Cheefe rent for his free land	00	12	00
Jo : thorne	00	05	00
Widd. Prattington 1*s.* ½*d.* / Tho : Lowbridge 1*s.* ½*d.*	00	02	01
Ja : Manning	00	06	08
Jon Cobb	00	08	00
Tho : Best	00	00	02
	43	12	11
Jon Wall due at Mr Noris decease	22	00	00
	65	12	11

	li.	s.	d.	li.	s.	d.
Md harward arreares last year	04	15	00			
Jo. Guest 9*s.* Elly 13*s.* 12*d.*	01	02	01½	05	17	01½
				71	10	00½
Wall in arreares				07	07	08½
Rec. Will Skeeler for fine				06	00	00
Jon harward for fine				01	01	06
pinfeild for stone				00	10	00
				86	09	03½

	li.	s.	d.
pd Mr Wells 32*li.* Mr Hancox 12*li.*	44	00	00
poor use 3*li.* 17*s.* Jos. Tumlinge 12*s.* 6*d.*	04	09	00
pd Rich. Williams poor taxe	00	01	08
pd Mr Whitager to Mr Eyer	00	08	00
spent at Jon harwards 5*s.* pd to Sam. Jackson 31*s.*	01	16	00
pd for 4 lo. Lyme 6*s.* hair and faching 2*s.* 6*d.*	00	08	06
lath 2*s.* tyle and sand 2*s.* nailes 1*s.* 4*d.*	00	05	04
Rich. Williams 8*s.* 10*d.* load coles 16*s.* 6*d.*	01	05	04
Lds rent 1*s.* Mr Addy glasing 6*s.* England 1*s.*	00	08	00
	53	02	04
pd and put in box	19	06	11
	72	09	03
rest now due from Hen. Woodward	14	00	00

	li.	s.	d.
left last yeare in box	2	13	10
put in now	19	06	11
	22	10	09

We allow of the accots and chuse Jon Prattenton Collector

Tho. Lowbridge
William Wheeler
Robert ffidkin
Robert Ballard
Job Noxon

1715. 27 Aprill 1715.

Recev^{d} of the Governeers of Hartelbury twenty pounds being in part of three score & seaventeene poundes the Governers had of the parish money.

I say recev'd being the present churchwarden
George X Selvester
his marke

Witnes
Samuell Lowe
Richard X tolly
his marke.

1715. THE ACC^{t} of John Prattenton Collector of the School rents in 1715: made ye 15th day of Feby being Ashwednesday[1].

Receipts.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
In part of Hen: Woodward's arrear for last year	08	00	00
John Walls half y^{rs} rent to Mich^{s} 11*li.* & a q^{r} more 5*li.* 10*s.*	16	10	00
Wm Barrett's half y^{rs} rent	01	09	00
Hum: England's 3 q^{rs} rent	02	12	06
Ed: Etheridge for Wall's Land, 3 q^{rs} rent	01	10	00
Robt Ballard's y^{rs} rent	02	00	00
Widow Prattenton for one y^{r}	00	01	00½
— Bache for houses in Kidderminster one y^{rs} rent	02	00	00
Wm Skeeler's y^{rs} rent	06	02	00
Richd Williams' y^{rs} rent	03	01	00
Mary Wheeler's y^{rs} rent	02	00	00
TOT.	45	05	06½

Disbursments 1715.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
P^{d} Mr Wells towards his Salary this year	23	00	00
P^{d} Mr Hancox his year's Salary	12	00	00
For a Load of Coals	00	12	06
For a Lock and putting it on	00	01	02
Allowed John Wall in his 3 q^{rs} rent (for Militia assesm^{t})[2]	00	04	00
TOT.	35	17	08

[1] This, and the entries until 1720, are in the handwriting of Dean Stillingfleet.

[2] Called in the next account "the trained bands."

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Rec^{d}	45	05	06½
Paid	35	17	08
So remains	9	07	10½

in this Accomptant John Prattenton's hands.

Feby ye 15th 171⅚. The above written Accompt was examined & allowed by me (the only Governour of ye school, now qualified, according to Law, to act as such) [1].

Jam: Stillingfleet.

1716. October ye 20th 1716. I being ye sole Governour of the free Gram'ar School of Hartlebury in the County of Worcester (who is now legally qualified to act as such), have elected, nominated, and appointed, and do hereby elect, nominate, and appoint, the Revd Mr William Broughton, late Schoolmaster of Chadesley, to be Head Master of the said Free Gram'ar School of Hartlebury now vacant by ye death of the Revd Mr John Wells [2], late Master thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand, ye day & year above written.

Jam: Stillingfleet.

1716. The rents belonging to ye School as they stand in 1716.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
John Harward	19	00	00
John Wall	22	00	00
William Skeeler	06	02	00
Richd Williams	03	01	00
Hump. England	03	10	00
Mrs Mary Wheeler	02	00	00
Robt Ballard	02	00	00
Margaret Green	02	00	00
Jos. Guest	02	18	00
Dorothy Cob	00	08	00

[1] How the other governors were disqualified does not appear. Dean Stillingfleet first appointed a new Head Master, and then nominated 19 other governors! He seems to have taken counsel's opinion on the subject. See p. 153.

[2] "The Revd Mr Wells was buried Septemb^{r} ye 1st." (*Hartlebury Register.*)

	li.	s.	d.
John Thorn	00	05	00
Mr Lowbridge	00	01	00½
Widow Prattenton	00	01	00½
James Manning	00	06	08
Thomas Best	00	00	02
Edwd Crane	02	00	00
TOT.	65	12	11

Mr Stillingfleet's Accompt, as Collector of the School rents, for *three* years, ending Ashwednesday, being February ye 11, 171⅞.

1716. OF Recd

	li.	s.	d.
John Harward (by J. Hart) his arrears to Xtmass last	19	00	00
Edm: Etheridge for ½ a yr	01	00	00
John Wall (for late Mr Norris) one yr	05	10	00
Wm Skeeler qrs rent by Mr Hancox	01	10	06
John Wall more on acct	05	00	00
John Hart for ½ a yr at Michs	09	10	00
John Prattenton ye ballance of his last year's acct as Collector	09	07	10½
William Skeeler by Mr Hancox	01	10	06
Ed: Etheridge ½ a yr to Michs	01	00	00
Dor. Cobb's yrs rent at Xtmass	00	08	00
Tho: Best's yrs rent	00	00	02
Hum: England a yrs rent to Michs	03	10	00
Mr Skeeler by ye Usher	01	10	06
John Wall more on acct	06	00	00
	64	17	06½

1717. Recd

	li.	s.	d.
OF John Hart for a yr at Lady day	09	10	00
John Wall a qrs rent	05	10	00
Mr Skeeler a qr by ye usher	01	10	06
John Thorn 2 yrs rent	00	10	00
Dor. Cobb a yrs rent	00	08	00

	li.	s.	d.
Mr Skeeler for Midsumr qr	01	10	06
Ed : Etheridge ½ yr at Lady day	01	00	00
John Hart for ½ a yr at Michs	09	10	00
—— & for an old arr : of John Harward's for one qr wch was due before he entered on ye estate	04	15	00
John Wall a qr by Mr Broughton	05	10	00
Hen : Woodward's arr : when he was Collector in 1714	06	00	00
Ed : Etheridge ½ a yr at Michs	01	00	00
Mr Skeeler's Michs rent	01	10	06
Robt Ballard on acct	03	10	00
John Wall by Mr Broughton	05	10	00
Mr Skeeler by ye Usher	01	10	06
Hum : England on acct	04	00	00
J. Wall's Xtmass qr by Mr Broughton	05	10	00
	68	05	00

1718. Recd

	li.	s.	d.
Of John Hart for half a year's rent, due at Lady day last	09	10	00
Mr Skeeler a qr by ye Usher	01	10	06
Richd Williams for two years' rent due last Xtmass	06	02	00
Dor : Cobb a year's rent	00	08	00
Ed : Etheridge ½ a yrs rent	01	00	00
Mr Skeeler for Midsumr qr	01	10	06
John Wall a qrs rent by Mr Broughton	05	10	00
Wm Skeeler by ye Usher, for Michs	01	10	06
John Hart Michs ½ yr rent	09	10	00
Ed : Etheridge Michs ½ yr	01	00	00
James Manning & — Tolly four years' rent for ye Perry Mill in Elmley parish	01	06	08
Mr Skeeler by ye Usher for Xtmass	01	10	06
Dor : Cobb a yrs rent at Xtmass	00	08	00

	li.	s.	d.
John Wall for ½ a y^rs rent due at Mich^s by Mr Broughton	11	00	00
	51	16	08
	68	05	00
	64	17	06½
TOT. OF REC^ts	184	19	02½

Disbursed by Mr Stillinfleet in his three years (on ye School Acc^ts) as being Collector.

Inprimis.

	li.	s.	d.
1716. To Mr Wells ye arrears of his last year's salary	09	00	00
To Mr Wells for three quarters' salary ye y^r to Mich^s	24	00	00
To Mr Broughton for X^tmas q^r	08	00	00
To Mr Hancox his y^rs salary	12	00	00
To Council ab^t ye Charter etc.	00	10	09
To Richd Heath for interest due to ye parish in 1715	03	00	00
Allowed in ye rent to John Hart for coals brought in ye winter to ye school	01	00	00
To John Wall for ye trained bands	00	01	02½
1717. To Mr Broughton his y^rs salary	32	00	00
To Mr Hancox his y^rs salary	12	00	00
The parish interest for 57*li.* remaining 1716	02	17	00
N. Ady's bill for glazing in 1715	00	06	00
John Best for a load of coals	00	16	00
Allowed Hen. Woodward on his pay^g ye ballance of his acc^t for 1714, as expended y^n by him	01	00	00
To Mr Eyre for two y^rs and a ½ rent due, to my Late Lord B^p of Worcester[1]	00	02	06
1718. To Mr Broughton his y^rs salary	32	00	00
To Mr Hancox his y^rs salary	12	00	00
To John Turford ye parish interest 1717	02	17	00

[1] William Lloyd.

	li.	s.	d.
N. Adey for two years' glazing	00	12	00
John Hart for a load of coals	00	16	00
To Mr Hancox in augmentation of his salary for ye three last years	06	00	00
TOT. OF PAYMts	160	18	05½

	li.	s.	d.
Recd	184	19	02½
Paid	160	18	05½
Rems	24	00	09

Due to ye School from this accomptant for ye next Collector.

I have examined this Account of ye Receipts & disbursments of ye Schole Rents for ye years 1716, 1717, & 1718 and it appears to me to be an exact & just account, which I accordingly approve.

JO: WIGORN:[1]

1719. MR. STILLINGFLEET'S Accompt, as Collector, for ye year ending 1719, Ashwednesday, March ye 2d 17$\frac{19}{20}$.

Recd

OF

	li.	s.	d.
Mr Skeeler by ye Usher for Lady day	01	10	06
John Hart, Lady day half year's rent	09	10	00
John Wall on acct	08	10	00
Edm. Etheridge Lady day's rent	01	00	00
Mr Skeeler by ye Usher for Midsumr	01	10	06
Robt Ballard on acct	04	00	00
Ed. Etheridge ½ yr at Michs	01	00	00
Mr Skeeler by ye Usher for Xtmass	01	10	06
J. Tolly for ye Perry Mill one yre	00	06	08
John Hart a year's rent	19	00	00
John Wall as due at Michs	11	00	00
of him (by Mr Broughton) on acct	08	00	00
Dor. Cobb's yrs rent	00	08	00
TOT. OF YE YEAR'S RECEIPTS	67	06	02

[1] Dean Stillingfleet being the only legal governor, his accounts were audited by the Visitor of the school, Bishop Hough.

Disbursed on ye School Acct in 1719.	li.	s.	d.
To Mr Broughton his yrs Salary	32	00	00
Mr Hancox his yrs Salary	14	00	00
John Hart for interest of ye Poor's money, due to ye Parish in Feby	02	17	00
Mr Eyre for two years' rent due to my Lord Bishop of Worcr	00	02	00
John Hart for a Load of Coals for ye use of ye School	00	16	00
TOT. OF YE YEAR'S PAYMts	49	15	00

	li.	s.	d.
Recd	67	06	02
Pd	49	15	02
Rems	17	11	02

Due upon this accompt, to ye next Collector, for ye use of ye School.

Jam : Stillingfleet

March ye 3d 17$\frac{19}{20}$.

Whereas the severall ffeeffoes or Governors of the Free Gram'ar School of Hartlebury (founded by Queen Elizabeth) have not for 4 or 5 years last past been duly qualified to act as such, & have not therefore since that time done any act relating thereto, nor can now be legally entitled to such their former power & authority till after a new Election & nomination. I therefore as the Sole & proper person in whom yt right is still vested & remains, do now & hereby freely & duly Elect, Nominate & Appoint (according to ye Charter & Statutes of ye said school) the severall persons whose names are under written, to be ye present ffeeoffees & Governors of the said free Gram'ar School of Hartlebury in ye County of Worcester, viz. :

Jur.	Mr William Wheeler	Jur.	John Griffin
Jur.	Robert Fidkin		Mr John Biddulph
	Emanuel Fidkin	Jur.	John Baker
	Job Noxon	Jur.	John Wheeler
Jur.	Henry Woodward		Gervase Eyre
	Robert Ballard	Jur.	William Williams
	John Prattenton	Jur.	Joseph Prattenton
Jur.	John Thorne	Jur.	Gervase Wheeler
	George Silvester	Jur.	Richard Ballard
Jur.	Richard Heath		

In wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand, the day & year above written.

Jam : Stillingfleet.

I also nominate & appoint Robert Fidkin Collector for ye year ensuing.

1720. An Acc^t of Mr Robt. ffidkin Collect^r of the schoole att Hartlebury for the year 1720: made upon Ash Wensday ffeb^r 22^d 1721.

	li.	s.	d.
Rec^d the bal^e of Mr Stillingfleet's two acc^ts	41	11	11
Of Mr Wm Skeeler for 2 first qu^rs	3	01	00
Ed^d Etheridge for one yeare	2	00	0
Richd Williams for 2 years	6	02	0
Hump: England upon Acc^t	6	10	0
Mr Skeeler 2 last qu^rs	3	01	0
Robt Ballard for one yeare	2	00	0
Widd: prattington 5 years	0	03	2½
John Hart 3 qu^rs	14	05	0
Mich: Harward 3 years	0	15	0
Jo^n Wall Midsum^r rent last	11	00	0
Dorothy Cobb one yeares rent	0	08	0
	90	19	1½

Disburstm^ts.	li.	s.	d.
p^d Mr Broughton a year's Sallery due at Xmas last	32	00	0
Mr Hancox a year's Sallery	12	00	0
Spent at Sessions at Harts and p^d the Clerk of the peace	04	03	6
Mr Broughton for Certificate	00	17	0
To the Justice's Clerk & ye Cry^r of the Court	00	03	0
for a load of Coles to ye Schoole	00	16	0
for 2 years' Interest for ye poors money	05	14	0
for the Lord's Cheife rent	00	01	6
	55	15	0

	li.	s.	d.
due to bal^{e} from ye collect^{r}	35	04	1½
rec'd of Richd Ballard for Tinfields beeing for 5 years' rent due at Xmas	10	00	0
John Wall due at Mich'mas	05	10	0
Edm^{d} Etheridge due at Xmas	01	10	0
Wm Tolly for ye perry mill ditt.	00	06	0
John Wheeler for 6 years to Xmas	00	06	3
Thomas Best for 5 years due at Xmas	00	00	10
	52	17	10½
Left in the box	2	00	9
	54	18	7½

ARREARS due from	li.	s.	d.
Hum: Bache 5 years	10	0	0
John Wall one qu^{r}	05	10	0
Hum: England	04	00	0
Chantry Meadow 5 ye^{rs}	15	19	0
	35	09	0

Wee allowe of Mr Robt. ffidkin his Acc^{t} and Apointe Mr John Baker and Mr Gervas Wheeler Collect^{rs} for the next ensueing yeare.

James Stillingfleet, Jo: Wheeler, John Baker, Will: Wheeler, Gervas Wheeler, Henry Woodward, Joseph Prattenton, John Griffin, William Williams, John Thorne, Richard Heath.

1721. THE ACC^{t} of Mr John Baker Collec^{tr} for the Schoole att Hartlebury for the yeare 1721: made upon Ash Wensday ffebuary the 7th 1721.

	£	s.	d.
Rec'd of John Harward one year's rent due att Xmas last	19	00	0
Mr Wm Skeeler due att Xmas	06	02	0
Widd: Wall 3 qu^{rs} due at Mich'mas	16	10	0
Marg^{t} Greene one year at Xmas	02	00	0
Hum: England one year at Xmas	03	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Richd Williams 1 ye^{re} at Xmas	03	01	0
John Ballard 1 year att Xmas	02	00	0
Richd Ballard one ye^{re} due at Xmas	02	00	0
Hum : Bache one ye^{re} att Xmas	02	00	0
Dor : Cobb for one ye^{re} to Xmas	00	08	0
Mich : Harward one ye^{re} to Xmas	00	05	0
John Clinton for perry mill ditto	00	06	8
John Wheeler one ye^{re} to Xmas	00	01	0½
Wm Prattenton one ye^{re} to Xmas	00	01	0½
Tho : Best ,, to Xmas	00	00	2
John Maning upon Acc^{t}	02	18	0
	60	02	11
Arrears rec^{d}			
Hum : Bache	10	00	00
John Wall	05	10	00
Hum : England	04	00	00
for Chantry Meadow John Maning	02	18	00
Rec^{d} of Stock from M^{r} ffidkin	52	17	10½
	135	8	9½

Disburstm^{ts}	£	s.	d.
for the poors money	57	00	00
Mr Broughton one year's Sallery	32	00	00
Mr Hancox to Lady day 1721	03	00	00
Gave him per order	02	00	00
Mr Hancox 3 qu^{rs} to Xmas 1721	10	10	00
per Nath : Ady for 4 ye^{rs} glaselying in full to this day	01	04	00
for Coles	00	16	04
Mr Jos : Cox for ffees	00	03	06
Repaires of the Schoole	03	10	06
Expenses att Rushout upone a Veiew	00	07	00
the Cheife rent to ye Ld Bisp'p	00	01	00
	110	12	04
Left in Cash	24	16	05½
	135	08	9½

	£	s.	d.
Arrears due ffrom			
Chantry Meadow	13	01	00
per Widd: Wall for 1 qu^{r}	5	10	00
	18	11	00

WEE allow of M John Baker and Mr Gervas Wheeler their Acc^{ts} and appoint Mr Gervas Wheeler and Mr John Baker Collect^{rs} for the ensueing yeare.

John Wheeler
Robt: ffidkin
Will: Wheeler
John Griffin
Will: Williams
Henry Woodward

	£	s.	d.
Left in ye Box last yeare	02	00	9
by Cash left now	24	16	5½
	26	17	2½

	£	s.	d.
Allowed Mr Broughton towards building	10	00	0
Gave Mr Broughton by consent of ye Govern^{rs}	04	00	0
gave Mr Hancox	02	00	0
Left in the Box	10	17	2½
	26	17	2½

1722. THE Acc^{t} of Mr Gervas Wheeler for the Schoole of Hartlebury for the yeare 1722 made upon Ash Wensday ffebruary the 27th 1722.

Rents Rec^{d} due att Xmas last.	£	s.	d.
John Harward	19	00	00
Mr Wm Skeeler	06	02	00
Richd Williams	03	01	00
Humph : England	03	10	00
Richd Ballard	02	00	00
John Ballard	02	00	00
Margarett Greene	02	00	00
John Maning	02	18	00
Humph : Bache	02	00	00
Dorothy Cobb	00	08	00
Mich : Harward	00	05	00
Jo : Wheeler & Wm Prattington	00	02	01
John Clinton for perry mill	00	06	08
Thomas Best	00	02	00
Widd : Wall due at Ladyday last	11	00	00
Mr Broughton due at Xmas last	12	00	00
	66	14	9

Disburs^{t}	£	s.	d.
p^{d} Mr Broughton to Xmas for one year's Sallery	32	00	00
Mr Hancox for one yeare	14	00	00
for 2 loads of Coles	01	14	00
p^{d} Emanuel Cobb for making the fires	00	02	00
p^{d} the Glazier	00	06	00
	48	2	00
The bal^{e}	18	12	09

	£	s.	d.
p^{d} the Lord's Rent	00	01	00
Mr Broughton's charge for repaireing the Brew-house as appears p. note	05	15	5½
Gave Mr Broughton by consent of the Govern^{rs}	07	16	3½
Gave Mr Hancox	05	00	0
	18	12	9

WEE allowe the acc^{ts} of Mr Gervas Wheeler and appointe Mr William Williams & John Griffin Collectors for the ensueing yeare.

Jo: Wheeler
Will: Wheeler
John Baker
Henry Woodward
John Griffin
Will: Williams

1723. THE ACC^{t} of Mr William Williams for the School att Hartlebury for the yeare 1723 made upon Ash Wensday ffeb. 19th 1723.

Rents Rec^{d} due att Xmas last

	£	s.	d.
John Hardward	19	00	00
Mr Wm Skeeler	06	02	00
Richd Williams	03	01	00
Hump: England	03	10	00
John Ballard	02	00	00
Richd Ballard	02	00	00
Margarett Greene	02	00	00
John Man'ing	02	18	00
Hump: Bache	02	00	00
Dorothy Cobb	00	08	00
Mich: Harward	00	05	00
Jo: Wheeler	00	01	00½
Wm Prattenton	00	01	00½
John Clenton	00	06	08
Thom: Best	00	02	00
Mr Broughton for Rent	16	00	00
Mr Broughton for Interest of £60	03	00	00
	62	14	9

Disburstm^ts.	£	s.	d.
p^d Mr Broughton a yeares Sallery	32	00	00
Mr Hancox[1] a yeares Sallery	14	00	00
p^d for Coles	01	03	06
for fire shovell and tongs	00	05	04
p^d Jos. Tomblins his Carpenter's bill	00	10	8½
p^d for meare stones	00	01	00
for locks	00	04	06
to Nath: Ady for glaseing	00	06	00
p^d the Lord's Rent	00	01	00
Spent by the Govern^rs att Two Meetings	00	05	03
for a messenger to goe to Worcester	00	01	06
	48	18	9½
	13	15	11½
	64	14	9

	£	s.	d.
ffebru: 7th 1721 left in the box	10	17	2½
Added to it this day	13	15	11½
Left in the box	24	13	2

WEE allow the acc^ts of Mr Wm Williams and John Griffin and appointe John Griffin and Mr Wm Williams Collect^rs for the yeare ensueing.

John Wheeler
Will: Wheeler
John Baker
Gervas Wheeler
Henry Woodward
Joseph Prattenton

1724. THE ACC^t of Mr John Griffin for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the year 1724 made upon Ash Wednesday February ye 10th 1724.

[1] Died Oct. 1723, having been usher of the school for 35 years. Having served under 5 Head Masters, and never having received more than £14 a-year.

Rents. Received due at Xmas last

	£	s.	d.
John Harward	19	00	00
Mr Wm Skeeler	06	02	00
Richard Williams	03	01	00
Humphry England	03	10	00
John Ballard	02	00	00
Rich. Ballard	02	00	00
Margaret Green	02	00	00
John Manning	02	18	00
Humphry Bach	02	00	00
John Houghton	00	08	00
Mich: Harward	00	05	00
Mr John Wheeler	00	01	00½
Wm Prattinton	00	01	00½
John Clenton	00	06	08
Tho: Best	00	02	00
Mr Broughton	16	00	00
Interest money	03	00	00
	62	14	09

Disbursmts.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	32	00	00
Paid John Houghton one year's Sallary	14	00	00
Paid John Hart for one load of coales	00	16	6
Paid for mending a Lock	00	00	8
Paid for Writing paper	00	00	00½
Paid Mr Williams	08	00	00
Disburst at meetings	00	05	00
Paid Lord's rent	00	01	00
Paid Mr Williams	07	11	06½
	62	14	09

1724. THE ACCO^t of Mr Wm Williams for the Schoole at Hartlebury for ye year 1724.

Disburst in Repairs for ye Usher's House.

	li.	s.	d.
P^d Thomas Pennell for carr: of Timber	00	10	00
Paid for 3 hund: 3 q^rs & 4 foot of Sawing	00	08	06
P^d for one Lode of Lime	01	01	00
P^d for ye unloading ye Same	00	00	06
Spent	00	00	03
Paid for 8900 of Brick	04	09	00
Paid for carriage of ye Same	01	02	03
Paid for 4900 of Tyles	03	13	06
Paid for carriage of the same	00	08	02
Paid for 3½ doz. of Crests	00	07	00
Paid for 5 doz. & 8 gutter Tyles	00	08	06
Paid Mr Corbin for Timber & Poules & Carr: down Severn	03	07	00
Paid for Carr: from Severn	00	07	06
Paid for 11 hund: of Sap Lath	00	07	04
Paid for 7 strike of Hair	00	07	07
Paid for 3 Horse Lode of Lime	00	03	00
Paid for Carr: of Hair Lime and Lath	00	01	00
P^d for 5 pair of Hinges	00	03	10
P^d for a Lock of ye Door	00	01	06
Paid for ye Drawing of 5 Thrave [1] of Straw	00	01	10½
Paid for ye Glazing of ye Windows	01	01	00
Paid for a Latch & Catch for ye Door	00	00	08
Paid for 3 days' thatching	00	06	06
Paid for 3 Burden of Luggs [2]	00	01	06
Paid for 3 Thrave of Straw	00	09	00
Paid for Carr: of the Same	00	01	00
Paid Phillip Harper for Nayles & Starch [3]	00	01	06
Paid Thomas Downes for Work	02	12	00
Paid for 12 Horse Lode of Lime	00	17	06
Paid Thomas Meuce for Nayles	02	00	08½
Paid Joseph Tomlines for Work	09	05	02

[1] 24 boltings, or bundles of 14 lbs. each. [2] Sticks.
[3] Was this for stiffening the plaster?

	li.	s.	d.
Paid for a Mantle tree [1]	00	07	00
Paid for two Hund : & a half of Inch Boards	01	10	00
Paid for ½ Hund : of half Inch board	00	03	06
Paid for a Joist & two pieces more being 3 foot	00	01	09
Paid for 3 Hund : of Heart Lath	00	06	00
Paid Richd Jackson for Work	08	18	10
Paid for Carr : of 3 Lodes of Stone	00	04	00
Paid for Carr : of 12 Lodes of Sand	00	12	00
	46	14	11

Disburst in Repairs for Mr Broughton's House.

	li.	s.	d.
Paid for 6 Hund : of Tyles & Carr :	00	10	00
Paid for 1 Hund : of Brick & Carr :	00	01	03
Paid for 1 Lode of Sand	00	01	00
Paid for 100 of Double Tens	00	01	08
Paid for 1500 of 3^d½ Nayles	00	04	04½
Paid Richard Jacksons for Work	01	15	09
Paid for 11 Horse Lode of Lime	00	16	06
Paid Joseph Tomlines for Work	00	16	06
Paid him for a Plank	00	01	00
Paid for 5 Hund : of Heart Lath	00	10	00
Paid for ½ Hund : of Brick	00	00	06
Paid for 6 Kids [2] of Heath	00	00	06
DISBURST TOTO.	57	13	11½

	li.	s.	d.
Reced. of Mr John Griffin	15	11	6½
Reced. out of ye Box	24	13	2
Reced. more	00	01	0
	40	05	8½
Due to Mr Williams	11	08	3

[1] For a Chimney-piece.

[2] Bundles of Heath, no doubt from Hartlebury Common.

WEE allow the Acco^{t} of Mr John Griffin & Mr William Williams and appoint Mr Joseph Prattinton & Mr Richard Ballard Collect^{rs} for ye year Ensueing.

James Stillingfleet
Will : Wheeler
Gervas Wheeler
Henry Woodward
Richard Ballard

1725. THE ACCO^{t} of Mr Richard Ballard for the Schoole at Hartlebury for ye year 1725. Made upon Ash Wednesday February the 23^{d} 1725.

	£	s.	d.
Reced. per Schoole Rents as per particulars	59	14	9
For a year's Interest due from Mr Broughton 25th March 1725	03	00	00
	62	14	09

Disburst.

	£	s.	d.
P^{d} Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	32	00	00
P^{d} John Houghton one year's Sallary	14	00	00
For repairing the Vestry	05	07	00
For repairing Richd Davies' house	00	19	10
For Coales & Kidds	00	16	10
For making fire & Sweeping the Schoole	00	05	06
P^{d} the Glasier for two years' repairing the Windows	00	12	00
For Chief Rent	00	01	00
p^{d} John Houghton for Repairs of his house	00	13	10
p^{d} Mr Williams towards his principal	06	08	03
Allowed him for Interest till Christmas last	00	12	09
Expenses	00	02	03
	61	19	03
Left in Stock in the Box	00	15	06
	62	14	09

WE allow the Acco^{t} of Mr Richard Ballard and Appoint Mr Joseph Prattinton & Mr Richd Ballard Collecto^{rs} for ye year ensueing.

John Wheeler	Gervas Wheeler
John Baker	Will. Williams
Will. Wheeler	Henry Woodward

Memorand. Due to Mr Williams five pounds wth the Interest from Christmas last.

p^{d} Mr Williams as appears per the other side.

1726. THE ACCO^{ts} of Joseph Prattinton & Richard Ballard Coll^{rs} for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the yeare 1726. Made upon Ash Wednesday February ye 15th 1726.

	£	s.	d.
Receed p' Schoole Rents as p' particulars	59	14	9
For a year's Interest due from Mr Broughton due in July last	02	8	0
	62	2	9

Disburst.	£	s.	d.
P^{d} Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	32	00	00
P^{d} John Houghton one year's Sallary	14	00	00
For one Lode of Coales	00	16	06
P^{d} the Glasier for one year repairing the windows	00	06	00
For Chief Rent	00	01	00
P^{d} for making the ffire and sweeping the schoole	00	10	00
	47	13	06
P^{d} Mr Williams as due to him p' last acc^{t} with the Interest for ye same	05	06	00
Gave to Mr Broughton Schoole Master	06	00	00
Gave to John Houghton Usher	03	00	00
	61	19	06
Due to Ballance wch is added to ye Box	0	3	3
	62	2	9

	£	s.	d.
Left in Stock in ye Box	0	18	9

WEE allow the Acco^{t} of Joseph Prattinton & Richard Ballard and appoint Mr John Wheeler & Mr Wm Wheeler Collectors for the year ensueing.

John Baker	Henry Woodward
John Wheeler	John Griffin
Will: Wheeler	Will: Williams
Gervas Wheeler	

1727. THE ACCO^{t} of Mr John Wheeler Collector for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the year 1727 made upon Ashwednesday March the 6th 1727.

	£	s.	d.
Received p' Schoole Rents as p' particulars	57	14	9
From a year's Interest due from Mr Broughton in July Last	02	08	0
	60	02	9
I Return John Ballard in arrears for Rent	02	00	00
	62	02	09

Disburst.

	£	s.	d.
P^{d} Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	32	00	00
P^{d} John Houghton one year's Sallary	14	00	00
For Chief Rent	00	01	00
For ffaggotts & Carr: &c^{a}	00	02	06
For Quick & Setting, by the Pales next M^{r} ffidkin's orchard	00	03	00
	46	06	06
Due to Ballance	13	16	03
	60	02	09
Gave Mr Broughton	09	00	00
Gave John Houghton	04	10	00
Added to the Box	00	06	03
wch makes the above Ball:	13	16	03

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Left in Box	1	05	0			
Due from John Ballard as above				2	00	00

WEE allow the Acco^{t} of Mr John Wheeler & appoint Mr Wm Wheeler & Mr John Wheeler Collect^{rs} for the year Ensueing.

Henry Woodward
John Griffin

1728. Schoole Rents & Interest for ye year 1728 ending at Xmas.

	£	s.	d.
John Harward	19	00	00
Mr Skeeler	06	02	00
Richard Williams	03	01	00
Humph: England	03	10	00
John Ballard	02	00	00
Richd Ballard	02	00	00
Marg^{t} Green	02	00	00
John Manning	02	18	00
Humph: Batch	02	00	00
John Houghton	00	08	00
Mich: Harward	00	05	00
Mr John Wheeler	00	01	00½
Wm Prattenton	00	01	00½
The Perry Mill	00	06	08
Thos: Best	00	02	00
Mr Broughton	16	00	00
Interest money due in July from Do.	02	08	00
	62	02	09

Memorandum. That it was agreed upon by the Govern^{rs} upon Ashwednesday 1728 That the Lease of Mr Houghton's house being expired the eight Shillings Rent charg'd upon him shall be abated for the time to come 00 08 00

So that the schoole Rents & Interest money is now 61 14 09

James Stillingfleet
John Baker
John Wheeler
Will : Wheeler
Henry Woodward
John Griffin
Gervase Wheeler

Memorand. y^t there is 2 Shillings advanc'd in John Manning's Rent.

February ye 19th 1728.

Memorand. That it is agreed upon by ye Governo^rs of ye Schoole of Hartlebury whose names are hereunto Subscribed That the Head Master's Sallary shall hereafter be 36*li.* p' ann[1]: And the usher's 18*li.* p' ann: the first paym^t to begin at Lady Day next.

Witness our hands.

James Stillingfleet
John Wheeler
Will : Wheeler
Henry Woodward
John Baker
John Griffin
Gervase Wheeler

THE ACCO^ts of Mr William Wheeler Collector for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the year 1728 made upon Ashwednesday February the 19th 1728.

	£	s.	d.
Received p' Schoole Rents & Interest money	61	14	9

Disbursm^ts.	£	s.	d.
P^d Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	32	00	00
P^d Mr Houghton one year's Sallary	14	00	00
For chief Rent	00	01	00
For one Lode of Coales	01	01	00
P^d Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows two years	00	12	00
P^d Mr Broughton's Bill for repairing the Pales	00	05	00
P^d for ffaggotts to light ye Schoole fire	00	02	06
given to Mr Broughton	08	00	00
given to Mr Houghton	05	00	00
added to ye Box	00	13	03
	61	14	09

[1] It had stood at £32 for 74 years.

	li.	s.	d.
Due from John Ballard in Arrears of Rent	2	00	00

WEE allow ye above Acco^t and Appoint the Reverend the Dean[1] & Mr Henry Woodward Collect^rs for year ensueing.

John Baker John Wheeler Henry Woodward
John Griffin Gervase Wheeler

1729. THE ACCO^ts of Mr Henry Woodward Collector for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the year 1729 made upon Ashwednesday Feb. the 11th 1729.

	li.	s.	d.
Reced p' Schoole Rents & Interest money	61	14	9

Disbursments.

	li.	s.	d.
P^d Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	36	00	00
P^d Mr Houghton one year's Sallary	18	00	00
For Chief Rent	00	01	00
For one Lode of Coales	01	00	00
P^d Mr Adey for repairing the Schoole Windows	00	06	00
	55	07	00

	li.	s.	d.
Remains due from Mr Woodward after Disbursm^ts 6*li.* 7*s.* 9*d.* } Ball.	6	07	09

	li.	s.	d.
Mr Ballard in arrears	2	0	00

WEE allow the above Acco^t & appoint the Rever^d the Dean and Mr Henry Woodward Collect^rs for the year ensueing.

James Stillingfleet
John Baker
John Griffin
Will : Williams

[1] James Stillingfleet, Rector of Hartlebury, and Dean of Worcester.

1730. THE ACCO^ts of the Rever^d the Dean Collector for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the year 1730 made upon Ash-wednesday, Mar. 3^d 1730.

	£	s.	d.
Reced p' Schoole Rents	61	14	9
Reced out of the Box	01	18	3
Reced Mr. Woodward's Ballance	06	7	9
Mr Ballard's arrears	02	0	0
	72	00	9

Disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
p^d Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	36	00	00
p^d Mr Houghton's Sallary	18	00	00
p^d Chief Rent	00	01	00
p^d for one Lode of Coales	01	02	00
p^d Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	00	06	00
p^d tow^ds Repairs of Mr Houghton's House	10	18	11½
	66	07	11½
Ball.	5	12	9½

WEE allow the above Acco^ts & appoint John Baker Esq.[1] & Mr Gervase Wheeler collect^rs for ye year ensueing.

Henry Woodward
John Griffin

John Baker
Will : Wheeler
William Williams

1731. THE ACCO^ts of John Baker Esq. Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the year 1731 made upon Ashwednesday Feb. 23^d 1731.

	£	s.	d.
Reced p' School Rents	61	14	9
Reced in Stock	5	12	9½
	67	7	6½

[1] Of Waresley House, High Sheriff of Worcestershire, 1728.

Disbursments.	£	s.	d.
Pd Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	36	00	00
Pd Mr Houghton's Sallary	18	00	00
Pd Benjamin Hartland	4	15	04
Pd for Coales	1	02	00
Pd Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	0	06	00
Pd Chief Rent	0	01	00
Pd for Carr of one lode of Lime	0	16	00
	61	00	04
Ballance	6	07	02½

WE allow the above Accots and appoint Mr Gervase Wheeler and Jno Baker Esqre Collectors for the year ensueing.

Gervase Wheeler
Henry Woodward
John Griffin

1732. THE Accots of Mr Gervase Wheeler Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the year 1732 made upon Ashwednesday February 7th 1732.

	£	s.	d.
Receiv'd p' school Rents	57	4	9
John Harward in arrears £4 10*s.* 0*d.* in all £61 14*s.* 9*d.*			
Receiv'd in Stock	6	7	2½
	63	11	11½

Disbursemts.	£	s.	d.
Pd Mr Broughton one Year's Sallary	36	00	00
Pd Mr Houghton one Year's Sallary	18	00	00
Pd for Coales	01	02	00
Pd Mr Adey for Repairing the School Windows	00	06	00
Pd Chief Rent	00	01	00
Pd for Nayles	00	01	04
Spent	00	00	06
	55	10	10
John Harward in Arrears £4 10*s.* 00*d.*			
Ballance	08	01	01½

Stock £8 01*s.* 01½*d.* Pd to Mr Williams

WE allow the above Acco^{ts} and appoint Mr William Williams and John Griffin Collectors for the year ensuing.

John Baker
Henry Woodward

1733. THE Acco^{ts} of Mr William Williams Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the year 1733 made upon Ashwednesday February 27th 1733.

	£	s.	d.
Rece'd p' School Rents	60	14	09
Rece'd in Stock	08	01	01½
Rece'd Arrears of Jno Harward	04	10	00
	73	05	10½

Disbursm^{ts}.	£	s.	d.
P^{d} Mr Broughton one Year's Sallary	36	00	00
P^{d} Mr Houghton one Year's Sallary	18	00	00
P^{d} for Coals	1	02	00
P^{d} Richard Williams for 400 Tyles	0	06	08
P^{d} Chief Rent	0	01	00
P^{d} Mr Adey for Repairing the School Windows	0	06	00
P^{d} Tho: Tomlins his Bill for Repairing Mr Houghton's House	3	05	02
P^{d} Benjamin Hartland's Bill for Repairing of D^{o}	1	17	00½
P^{d} Mr Griffin's Bill for Carriage	1	03	04
P^{d} Mr Adey for Glazing	0	07	06
	62	08	08
P^{d} Mr Broughton for Repairs	10	17	02½
	73	05	10½

John Ballard in Arrears £1

WE allow the above Acco^{ts} and appoint John Griffin and Mr William Williams Collecto^{rs} for the Year ensueing.

John Baker
Will: Wheeler
Gervase Wheeler
Henry Woodward

1734. THE ACCO^ts of John Griffin Collector for the Schoole at Hartlebury for the Year 1734 made upon Ashwednesday February 19th 1734.

	£	s.	d.
Rece'd p' School Rents	61	14	9
Rece'd Arrears of Mr Ballard	1	0	0
	62	14	9

Disbursments.	£	s.	d.
P^d Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	36	00	0
P^d Mr Houghton one year's Sallary	18	00	0
P^d for Coals	1	02	0
P^d Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	0	06	0
P^d Benjamin Hartland's Bill for repairing Mr Houghton's house	0	14	9
P^d the Blacksmith's Bill for Iron Works	0	09	6
P^d for Nayles	0	00	3
P^d Chief Rent	0	01	0
	56	13	6
	6	01	3
	62	14	9
Mr Hart in Arrears	4	15	0
Mr Ballard in Arrears	1	00	0
Remains in Stock	0	06	3
	6	01	3

WE allow the above Accounts and appoint Mr Wm Wheeler and Richard Ballard Collectors for the year ensueing.

Jam : Stillingfleet
John Baker
Will : Williams
Gervase Wheeler
Henry Woodward

1735. THE ACCO^ts of Mr Richd Ballard Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the Year 1735. Made upon Ashwednesday Mar. 10th 1735.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} p' School Rents	61	16	9
Rec^{d} Arrears of Mr Ballard	01	00	9
TOTO.	62	16	9

Disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
P^{d} Mr Broughton one Year's Sallary	36	00	0
P^{d} Mr Houghton one Year's Sallary	18	00	0
P^{d} Richd Jackson's Bill for Repairing the School	00	10	4
For two hundred of Tyles for the School	00	03	4
For carr : of the s^{d} Tyles	00	01	0
For carr : of one Lode of Sand	00	01	0
For two Lodes & a half of Lime	00	03	09
For one hundred of Nayles	00	00	3
For one peck of Hair	00	00	3
P^{d} Thomas Tomlins's Bill	00	03	0
P^{d} for one Lode of Coals	01	01	0
P^{d} Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	00	06	0
P^{d} Chief Rent	00	01	0
TOTO.	56	10	11
Rem^{s} in Stock	6	05	10
	62	16	9
Mr Hart in arrears due at Xmas one q^{r}ter	4	15	0
Rem^{s} in Stock as above	6	05	10
In Stock last Year	0	06	3
	11	07	1

WE allow the above Acco^{ts} and appoint Mr Richd Ballard and Mr Wm Wheeler Collectors for the year Ensueing.

John Baker
Will : Williams
Henry Woodward
John Griffin

1736. THE ACCO^ts of Mr Wm Wheeler Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the Year 1736 made upon Ashwednesday February 23^d 1736.

	£	s.	d.
Receiv^d p' School Rents	61	16	9
Stock in the Box	6	12	1
RECE'D TOTO.	68	8	10

Disbursments.	£	s.	d.
P^d Mr Broughton a year's Sallary	36	00	0
P^d Mr Houghton a year's Sallary	18	00	0
P^d for one Lode of Coals	01	01	0
P^d Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	00	06	0
P^d the Chief Rent	00	01	0
P^d Thos Tomlins	00	01	6
P^d Mr Broughton for the Repairs of his house	03	04	7
P^d Mr Houghton for building a Piggstye	02	14	3
Disburst Toto.	61	08	4
Rem^s in Stock	7	00	6
Mr Hart in Arrears	4	15	0

WE allow the above Acco^ts & appoint the Reverend the Dean & Mr Henry Woodward Collectors for the Year Ensueing.

John Baker
Henry Woodward
John Griffin
Will: Williams

1737. THE ACCO^ts of Mr Henry Woodward Collector for the School Rents at Hartlebury for the Year 1737 made upon Ashwednesday February 15th 1737.

	£	s.	d.
Receiv'd p' School Rents	61	16	9
Stock in the Box	7	00	6
	68	17	3

Disbursments.	£	s.	d.
paid Mr Broughton one year's Sallary	36	00	00
paid Mr Houghton one year's Sallary	18	00	00
paid for one Lode of Coals	1	02	00
paid Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	0	06	00
paid the Chief Rent	0	01	00
paid for altring the School Grate	0	07	00
Disburst Toto.	55	16	00
Remains in Stock	13	1	03
Mr Hart in Arrears	4	15	00

We allow the above Accot and Appoint Mr Henry Woodward & the Reverend The Dean Collectors for the Year Ensueing.

John Baker
John Griffin

The Accounts of Mr Henry Woodward for the Revd the Dean, Collector for the Year 1738 made upon Ashwednesday March 7th 1738.

	£	s.	d.
School Rents	61	16	9
pd Mr Broughton	36	00	00
pd Mr Houghton	18	00	00
Pd for one Lode of Coals	1	02	00
Pd Mr Adey for Repairing the School Windows	0	06	00
Pd the Chief Rent	0	01	00
Pd Thomas Tomlins for a Gate	0	08	00
	55	17	00
	5	19	09
Mr Moule in Arrears	3	10	00
Due from Mr Woodward	2	09	09

	£	s.	d.
John Hart in Arrears	4	15	0

WE allow the above Acco^t and Appoint John Baker Esqr & Mr Gervase Wheeler Collectors for the Year Ensueing.

8th May 1739.

P^d Tho : Tombling out of the Box twelve pounds & ten shillings in part of his bills for the Schoole

John Baker
Gervase Wheeler
Will : Williams
John Griffin

	li.	s.	d.
So there now Remains in the Box	00	11	3

1739. THE ACCOUNTS of John Baker Esqre Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the Year 1739 made upon Ash-wednesday February the 20th 1739.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^d School Rents & Interest	61	16	09
Mr Woodward's Arrears	02	09	09
part of Mr Moul's Arrears	01	15	00
	66	01	06
P^d Mr Broughton's Salary	36	00	00
P^d Mr Houghton's Salary	18	00	00
P^d for a Lode of Coals	01	01	00
P^d for ½ a Tun of Coals	00	05	10
P^d Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	00	06	00
P^d the Chief Rent	00	01	00
P^d Thomas Tomlins the Remainder of his Bills for Repairing the School	06	13	07
P^d for Repairing Mr Broughton's chimney	02	12	10
	65	00	03
Remains	1	01	03
Old Stock in ye Box	0	11	03
Now in the Box	1	12	06

	li.	s.	d.
Mr Hart in Arrears 1 Q^r	4	15	00
Mr Moule in Arrears for ½ year	1	15	00

We allow the above Acco^{t} and Appoint Mr Gervase Wheeler & John Baker Esqr Collectors for the Year Ensueing.

Will: Williams
John Griffin.

1740. The Acco^{ts} of Mr Gervase Wheeler Collector for the School at Hartlebury for the Year 1740 made upon Ash-wednesday February 11th 1740.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Rece'd p' School Rents & Interest	61	16	9
P^{d} Mr Broughton's Sallary	36	00	0
P^{d} Mr Houghton's Sallary	18	00	0
P^{d} for a Lode of Coals	01	02	6
P^{d} Mr Adey for repairing the School Windows	00	06	0
P^{d} the Chief Rent	00	01	0
	55	09	6
Rem^{s}	06	07	3
Old Stock in the Box	01	12	6
Now in the Box	07	19	9

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
John Hart in Arrears 1 q^{r}	4	15	0
Mr Moule in Arrears for ½ a year	1	15	0

We allow the above Acco^{ts} and Appoint Mr Wm Williams & John Griffin Collectors for the year Ensueing.

John Baker
Will: Williams
John Griffin

July 20th 1741. John Griffin Rece'd the above Money out of the Box
being *7li. 19s. 9d.* to pay for the Repairs of Mr Houghton's House.

7 August 1741.

At an Assembly of the Governors of the Free Gram'ar School of Queen Elizabeth In Hartlebury, Be it known that wee whose names are Hereunto Subscribed, Being now the only Surviving Governors or ffeoffees of the said Free School: Do hereby Elect nominate and appoint the several Persons whose Names are underwritten to be (together with us) the present Governors or ffeoffees of the Said Free Gram'ar School of Hartlebury in the county of Worcester, according to the True intent of the charter and Statutes thereunto given and Belonging.

Jam: Stillingfleet	Will: Wheeler
William Williams	John Griffin
Gervase Wheeler	

The Revd Mr Stillingfleet[1] Rector of Hartlebury

John Baker Esqr[2]	Jur.	Mr John Hurtle	
Mr John Eyre		Mr Robert Fidkin	Jur.
Mr Thos Wheeler	Jur.	Mr John Manning	
Mr John Fidkin		Mr Allen Wheeler	Jur.
Mr Fran: Moule	Jur.	Mr Richard Heath	Jur.
Mr William Prattenton[3]		Mr John Best	
Mr Jos. Prattenton[4]	Jur.	Mr Thos Harper	Jur.

1741. THE ACC^{ts} of Mr. William Williams Collector for the free School at Hartlebury for ye year 1741 made upon Ash-wednesday March ye 3^{d} 1741.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} by School Rents & Interest	61	16	09
Disburst.			
p^{d} at a Meeting at Jno Wynns	00	03	06
p^{d} to J^{no} Griffin	06	00	00
p^{d} for 8 Horses at ye Turnpike	00	00	08

[1] Edward Stillingfleet, son of the Dean and grandson of the Bishop, Rector of Hartlebury. The Stillingfleets, father and son, held the Living for 80 years! Edward died 1777, and was buried in the Cathedral beside his father and grandfather.

[2] Of Waresley House.

[3] Of Clareland.

[4] Of Pansington.

	£	s.	d.
p^d for ye Oaths	01	00	00
p^d for their Charges	01	02	00
p^d Mr Broughton's Salary	36	00	00
p^d Mr Houghton's Salary	18	00	00
p^d Lord's Rent	00	01	00
p^d at a Meeting at Mr Hart's	00	18	07
	63	05	09
	61	16	09
Rem^n due to Mr Williams	1	09	00

	£	s.	d.
Mr Hart in Arears 1 q^r	4	15	0
Mr Moule in Arears ½ year	1	15	0

THE ACC^ts of Mr John Griffin Collector for ye free School of Hartlebury for ye year 1741 made upon Ashwednesday March ye 3^d 1741.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rec^d out of ye Box	7	19	9	13	19	9
Rec^d of Mr Williams	6	00	0			

Disburst.

p^d for Nailes	00	10	6
p^d Tho : Tomlins' bill	04	16	5¼
p^d Job Hutton for Brick	03	17	8½
Mr Griffin's bill for Halling Sand & other Materialls	01	17	6
p^d Jackson's bill for Worke	03	03	8
p^d Nath : Adey for Lead	00	19	8
p^d for Lime	01	13	1
p^d for Glazsing ye School Windows	00	06	0
	17	04	6¾
	13	19	9
Rem^n due to Mr Griffin	3	4	9¾

WE allow ye Acc^ts^ of Mr Wm Williams and Mr Jno Griffin and appoint them Collectors for ye Year Ensueing.

Gervase Wheeler	Thos Wheeler	Jos : Prattenton
Will : Williams	Fra : Moule Junr	Richard Heath
John Griffin	Allen Wheeler	Thomas Harper
John Baker	Robt ffidkin	

1742. THE ACCP^t^ of Mr William Williams & Mr John Griffin Coll^rs^ for the free Gramer School of Hartlebury made up this 16 Day of Feb^ry^ 1742 being Ashwensday.

	£	s.	d.
Recev^d^ School Rents and Interest	61	16	9
Mr Moule's Arrears	01	15	0
	63	11	9

	£	s.	d.
Disburst To Mr Broughton	36	00	00
To Mr Houghton	18	00	00
To Thos Tomlings	1	13	09
John Brooke	2	15	08
for a Lode of Coles	1	02	00
To Jo^s^ Tomlins for Halling Timber	0	06	08
Richd Jackson two Days' Work	0	02	04
Pay^d^ for Glazsing	0	06	00
Lord's Rent	0	01	00
p^d^ Mr Williams' Arrears	1	09	00
The Arrears Due to myself	3	04	09
Disburstm^ts^	65	01	02
Recp^d^	63	11	09
Remains Due To John Griffin	1	09	05

	£	s.	d.
Mr Heart in Arrears one Qu^r^	4	15	0
At the same time Due to John Baker Esqr for nessesary Expences	1	00	0

WE allow the opposit Acc^{ts} and Apoint John Baker Esqre & Mr Thos Weeller Gen^{t} Collec^{trs} for ye Year Ensueing.

Fra : Moule Junr
Robt ffidkin
Allen Wheeler
Richard Heath
Joseph Prattenton
Thomas Harper

At a meeting held the 17th of June 1743 at the school house there was a lease granted to the Revd Mr Stillingfleet upon the additionall rent of one pound p' annum for the adding of one life in the late John Harward's estate. Now twenty pounds p' Annum.

John Baker
Gervase Wheeler
Thos : Wheeler
Fra : Moule
Joseph Prattenton
Allen Wheeler

1743. THE ACCOMP^{t} of Mr John Baker Esqre Collector for the Free Gramer School of Hartlebury made up this Eight Day of Feb'ury 1743 being Ashwendsday

Recepts

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} For Intrest and School Rents	58	06	09

Disbursments

Pay^{d} Mr Griffin's Arrears	01	09	06
Lord's Rent	00	01	00
Mr Broughton's Salarye	36	00	00
Mr Houghton's Sallary	18	00	00
P^{d} for a Lode of Coles	01	01	00
My Arrears for Expences when I came into my office at a meeting	01	00	00

		£	s.	d.
Expences at a meeting at the Crown		00	07	06
At a meeting on this Day		00	18	06
	Disburst	58	17	06
	Rec^{d}	58	06	09
	Rem^{n} Due		10	09
P^{d} Thos Tomlins' bill		6	10	06
Rem^{rs} due in all to Mr Baker		7	01	03

	£	s.	d.
Mr Moule in Arears one year	3	10	0
Mr Hart $\frac{1}{4}$	5	00	0

WE allow of y^{e} above acc^{t} and appoint Jno Baker Esq^{e} and Mr Thos : Wheeler Collectors for y^{e} year ensuing.

Gervase Wheeler
Robt ffidkin
Fra : Moule
Thomas Harper
Joseph Prattenton
Allen Wheeler
Richard Heath

At a Meeting of the Gov^{rs} held the 28th March 1744 at the School house a Lease was granted to Mrs Wheeler of Charlton dated 26th Decemb^{r} last of Three Closes in Tinnfields in the parish of Hartlebury, at which Meeting she paid the Gov^{rs} a ffine of Six pounds.

Gervase Wheeler
John Griffin
John Baker
Allen Wheeler
Thos Wheeler
Jos : Prattenton

At a Meeting of the Gov^{rs} held the 6th day of Aprill 1744 at the Schoole house a Lease was granted to John Price of

Kidderminster in the County of Worcester Joiner, dated the said 6th day of Aprill of Two Tenements or Dwelling houses and Gardens situate in the Worcester Street in Kidderminster in the County of Worcester at the yearly rent of five pounds.

Thos Wheeler Collector
John Baker
Fra: Moole
Robt ffidkin
Jos. Prattenton
Thomas Harper

1744. THE ACCOMPt of Mr Thos Wheeler Collector of the Free Gramer Schoole off Hartelbury made up this Twenty Seventh day of Febary 1744 being Ashwendsday

Receps.

	£	s.	d.
Recd pr School's Rents	66	06	9
Recd for a Fine for Tinfields	06	00	0
Totall recpts	72	06	9

Disbursments

	£	s.	d.
pr Cash to Mr Baker	07	01	03
Mr Broughton's Sallery	36	00	00
Mr Houghton's Sallreye	18	00	00
For a Lode of Coal	01	01	00
For a year's Chief rent	00	01	00
For two Year's Glazsing	00	12	00
Pd Thos Tomlins	01	03	06
Pd Richd Shailes	00	13	09
At the Meeting this Day	01	00	00
Totall Disbursments	65	12	06
Total Stock lodged in the Box	6	14	03

Arrears

	£	s.	d.
from Jon Heart one Quarter	05	00	00
Mr Moule of Snedge Green half Qr	1	15	00

WE allow off the above Acct and appoint Mr Robt Fidkin and Mr Allen Wheeler Colecters for ye year ensueing.

Gervase Wheeler
Will : Williams
John Baker
Joseph Prattenton
Thomas Harper
Fra : Moule Junr
Richard Heath

Be it Remembred this 27th day of Febry afforesaid that I Richd Williams doe hereby agree wth the said Governers to pay the full Sum of eight pounds for the renewing of Sertaine Lands called or known by the name of the Base meadow & one little Close or Lesow ajoyning to the same formerly in the Tenor or Occupation of Phillip Marshall and the changing of two & adding of shuch one Life as he the sd Richd Williams shall nominate, and I Doe hereby promise and agree to produce Sertivecats that Edmond Marshall & Phillip Marshall are both Liveing at the time of this Agreemt as Wittness my hand

Richard Williams

Bee it Remembred that on the 14th day of May 1745 at a Meeting this day held by the Governors of the Free School of Hartlebury at the School aforesaid a Loane was granted to Richd Williams of a house barn & lands in the parish of Elmeley Lovett at & under the yearly rent of three pounds & one shilling & the sum of eight pounds then paid as a fine which was at the same time deposited in the comon Box of the sd School

Robt ffidkin Collectors
Allen Wheeler
Will : Williams
Richard Heath
Joseph Prattenton

Bee it Remembred that on the 14th day of May 1745 I John Skeeler doe hereby agree with the Governors of the free Grammar School in Hartlebury in the County of Worcester to pay the sum of Seven pounds for & as a fine for adding one Life in the Messuage lands & heredmts heretofore granted by the then Governors to John Manning and the 1st life to be such as I shall nominate.

Witness my hand

John Skeeler.

Be it Remembred that on the 12th day June 1745 at a Meeting held by the Governours of the ffree schoole of Hartlebury at the Schoole aforesaid a Lease was Granted to John Skeeler of a Messuage or Toft and Barne in Hartlebury at and under the yearly rent of ffive Pounds and Four Shillings and the Sume of Seven Pounds then paid as a ffine which at the same time was Deposited in the Common Box belonging to the said Schoole.

Robt ffidkin.
Allen Wheeler
Thos Wheeler
John Griffin

1745. THE ACCOMPTS of Mr Robert Fidkin Collector of the Free Gramer School of Hartlebury mad up this 12th Day of February 1745 being Ashwensday } viz:

Recepts.	£	s.	d.
of the Reverend Mr Stillingfleet	20	00	0
the reverd Mr Skeeler	6	02	0
the Reverd Mr Broughton [1]	16	00	0
to Do Intrest	2	08	0
John Price	5	00	0
William Winwood	3	00	0
John Moule	3	10	0
Thos Williams	3	01	0
Ewd Millard	2	00	0
Mrs Wheeler	2	00	0
Mrs Ballard	2	00	0
The Perrymill	0	06	8
Thos Harward	0	05	0
Thos Best	0	02	0
Mr Prattington	0	01	0½
Mr Knight	0	01	0½
	65	16	9
Mr John Moule in Arrears for this Year	1	15	0
TOTAL RECEPt	64	01	9

[1] He rented the land in Rushock, being Rector of Rushock as well as Head Master of Hartlebury School.

Disbursments.

	£	s.	d.
Mr Broughton's Sallary	36	0	0
Mr Houghton's Sallary	18	0	0
A Lode of Coles	1	1	0
the School hearth	0	2	6
Sweeping the School and makeing fires	0	4	0
Expences when Measuring the School land	0	1	0
the Glazing	0	6	0
Candle and thred for tying up the writeing	0	0	1
for Diner & Drink upon Ashwensday	1	0	0
Jo : Evans	0	1	0
For Mesuring & Maping the School Lands [1]	3	3	0
Total Disburst .	60	1	1
	64	1	9
BALLANCE	4	0	8

WE allow of the above Accompt and Apoint Mr Allin Wheeler & Mr Robt Fidkin Collector for the Year ensueing.

	£	s.	d.
Mr John Moule in Arrears for the Year 1744 the sum of	1	15	0
Mr Heart	5	00	0

Fra : Moule
Will : Williams
Richard Heath

1746. THE ACCTS of Mr Allen Wheeler Collector of the ffree Grammar School of Hartlebury made up this fourth day of February 1746 being Ashwennesday.

	£	s.	d.
Received pr school Rents	67	11	09

[1] This quaint map is still preserved. The Governors' names are given "whose care and regard for learning caused this survey to be taken Anno 1745."

The land in Hartlebury is called "Virgin Marys."

Disburstments.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr Broughton's sallary	36	00	0
Mr Houghton's sallary	18	00	0
a load of Coal	01	01	0
For sweeping the school and makeing the Fire	00	16	0
The Glazier	00	06	0
Exspences wn viewing the school land	00	04	6
Exspences wn viewing the school land at Rushock	00	04	1½
Paid the Bishop Bayliff	00	01	0
Allowed Mr Broughton Mr Adey's Bill for Glazing	01	00	6
And Richd Jackson's Bill for work	00	12	4
And for a load of lime	00	01	4
And for stone and workmanship to make a stone bank	0	12	0
Exspences at the Meeting this day	1	00	0
	59	18	9½

Arrears.

	li.	s.	d.
Due from Mr Jno Hart one Quarter	5	0	0
Due from Mr Moule at Xmas last half qr	1	15	0

WEE allow the above Accts and appoint Mr Jos. Prattenton and Mr Richd Heath Collectors for the year Ensuing.

	li.	s.	d.
Recevd pr school's rents	67	11	09
Disburst.	59	18	09½
Remains in stocks	7	12	11½

	li.	s.	d.
Which was put in box the same day with other Money before makes	33	7	10½

Gervase Wheeler — Thos Wheeler
John Baker — Joseph Prattenton
Robt ffidkin — Thomas Harper
Richard Heath

1747. THE Accts of Mr Joseph Prattenton Collector of the free Grammar School of Hartlebury made up this 24th day of Feby 1747 being Ashwednesday.

	li.	s.	d.
Receed pd School Rents	65	16	09
Disburstments.			
Paid Mr Broughton's Sallary	36	00	0
Paid Mr Houghton's	18	00	0
Paid the Lord's Rent	00	01	0
Paid for a load of Coal	01	01	0
Paid for a hundred of brick and Carriage	00	01	6
Paid for 4 strike of lime and Carriage	00	01	8
Paid Thomas Tomlins' bill	01	07	0
Paid Jackson's Bill	00	09	6
Paid Simon Down's bill	00	03	0
Paid Nath. Adey's bill	00	06	0
Paid M Houghton for cleaning the School	00	16	0
Exspences at The Meeting this day	01	01	0
	59	07	8

	l.	s.	d.
Due From Mr John Hart one quarter	5	0	0
Due from Mr Moule half a year at Xmas	£1	15	0

WEE allow the Above Accts and appoint Mr Richard Heath and Mr Jos. Prattenton Collectors for the year Ensuing.

	l.	s.	d.
Recevd pd school Rents	65	16	9
Disburst	59	07	8
Remains in stock	6	9	1

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Which was put in the box the same day with the sum of	33	7	10½
Total in the Box	39	16	11½

John Baker
Will: Williams
Robt ffidkin
Thos Wheeler
Allen Wheeler

1748. THE Accts of Mr Richd Heath Collectr of ye free Grammer School of Hartlebury made up this 5th day of Febry 1748 being Ashwednesday.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Recd by School Rents	65	14	09

Disburs'ments.	£	*s.*	*d.*
Mr Broughton's Salary	36	00	00
Mr Houghton's Salary	18	00	00
For Sweeping ye School & Making ye fire	00	16	00
For a lode of Coles	01	01	00
Lord's Rent	00	01	00
pd Simon Downes' bill	00	14	08
pd for two Doz. of Gutter Tile	00	04	00
pd Mr Broughton's bill for nailes	00	04	04
pd for Quarry's Tiles & Lime	01	07	08
Mr Adey's Bill for Glazeing	03	03	06
Expences at ye meeting this day	00	18	00
	62	10	02

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Remrs due from Mr Hart one Quarter at Xmas	5	00	00
from Mr Moule half a Year at Dto	1	15	00
from Thos Best one Year			

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} by School rent	65	14	09
Disburst	62	10	02
Rem^{rs} in Stock	3	4	7
w^{h} was put in ye Box at ye same time with ye Sum of	39	16	11½
Total in ye Box	43	1	6½

We allow of ye above Acc^{ts} and Appoint Mr Thos. Harper and Mr William Williams Collect^{rs} for ye Year Ensueing.

Ed. Stillingfleet	Robt ffidkin
John Baker	Thomas
Allen Wheeler	Harper

1749. The Acc^{t} of Mr Tho. Harper Collect^{r} of the free Grammar School of Hartlebury made up this 28th Day of Feb^{ry} 1749 being Ashwednesday.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} by School Rents	67	10	1

Disburstments.

	£	s.	d.
Mr Broughton's Salary	36	00	0
Mr Houghton's Sal^{ry}	18	00	0
For Sweep^{ng} the Scho^{l} & making the fire	00	16	0
For a Load of Coles	01	01	0
Chief Rent	00	01	0
For Tomblings' bill for the Year 1748	00	15	4
P^{d} Tomblings' bill for this Year	01	13	9
P^{d} Jackson's bill	01	18	0
For a New Book	00	09	6
Expences at the Meeting	01	10	0
	62	04	7

	£	s.	d.
Mr Hart In Arrears one Quarter at Xstmas	5	00	00
Recd by School Rents	67	10	1
Disburst	62	04	7
Remns in Stock	5	05	6
which was put in ye Box at ye same time with ye sum of	43	01	6½
Total Remns in ye Box	48	07	0½

WE allow of ye above accts and Appoint Mr Wm Williams and Mr Thos Harper Collecrs for ye Year ensuing.

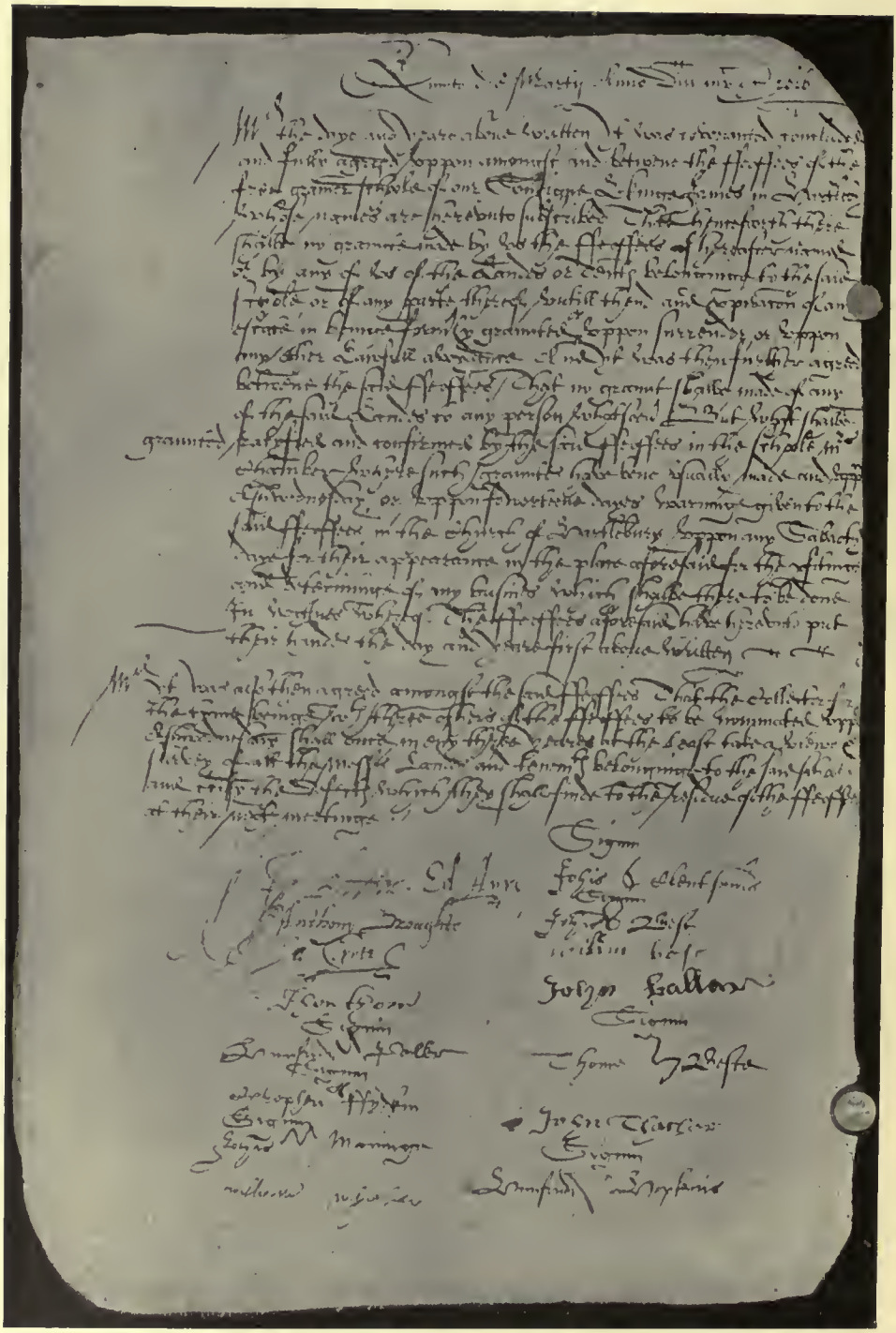
John Baker
Robt ffidkin
Will : Williams
Thos Wheeler
Allen Wheeler
Richard Heath
Jos. Prattenton

1750. THE ACCts of Mr William Williams Collector of the Free Grammar school of Hartlebury made up this 20th day of February 1750 being Ashwednesday.

	li.	s.	d.
Recced. pd school rents	63	16	11

Disbursments.

	li.	s.	d.
Paid the Chief rent	0	01	0
paid for ale at a Meeting	0	02	1½
paid Mr Houghton half a year's sallary	9	00	0
paid Mr Broughton half a year's sallary	18	00	0
A load of Coales	01	01	0
paid at a Meeting	00	03	0
paid Mr Broughton's half a year's sallary	18	00	0



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	li.	s.	d.
paid Mr Houghton's salary	09	00	0
paid for sweeping the school & makeing Fire	00	16	0
	56	03	1½
Expences at the Meeting	01	01	0
	57	04	1½

Mr Hart in Arrears one Quarter 5d

	li.	s.	d.
School rents	63	16	11
Disburstments	57	04	1½
in stock	6	12	9½
Lefft in the box	48	07	0½
Now in the box	54	19	10

WEE allow ye above Accts and appoint The Revd Mr Stillingfleet and Jno Baker Esqr Collectors for the Year Ensuing.

John Baker
Robt ffidkin
Thomas Wheeler
Allen Wheeler
Jos. Prattenton

Quinto die Martii Anno D'ni m'g'que 1616[1]

Md the daye and yeare above written yt was covenanted concluded and fully agreed uppon amongst and betwene the ffeoffees of the free Gram'er Schoole of our Sovereigne & Kinge James in Hartlebury whose names are hereunto subscribed That henceforth there shalbe no graunte made by us the ffeoffees hereafter named or by any of us of the Landes or Ten'ts belonginge to the said schole or of any part thereof untill th'end and expirac'on of any estate in beinge form'ly graunted or uppon surrender or uppon any other Lawfull abeyeance And yt was then further agreed betwene the said ffeoffees That no graunt shalbe made of any of the said Landes to any person whatsoev'r But what shalbe graunted ratyfied and confirmed by the said

[1] Inserted out of its place. In the same handwriting as the accounts of 1616 and following years.

ffeoffees in the Schoolem^{rs} Chamber where such grauntes have been usually made and uppon Ashwednesday or uppon fourteene dayes warninge given to the said ffeoffees in the Church of Hartlebury uppon any Sabaoth daye for their appearance in the place aforesaid for the p'fitinge and determ'inge of any busines which shalbe there to be done.

In wyttnes whereof The ffeoffees aforesaid have hereunto put their handes the day and yeare first above written.

M^{d} y^{t} was also then agreed amongst the said ffeoffees That the Collector for the tyme beinge wth three others of the ffeoffees to be nominated uppon Ashwednesday shall once in ev'ry three yeares at the least take a viewe & survey of all the mess^{s} Landes and tenem^{ts} belonginge to the said schoole and c'tify the defects which they shall find to the residue of the ffeoffees at their next meetinge.

Ja: Button
Anthony Drought
Ja: Clynte
Jhon thorn
sign'm
Humfridi × Pooller
sign'm
Chr'ophir × ffydkin
sign'm
John × Maninge
William Wheler

Ed: Ayre
sign'm
Joh'is × Clent sen^{r}
sign'm
Joh'is × Best
William best
John ballard
sign'm
Thom' × Beste
John Thacher
sign'm
Humfridi × Hopkins

Mem^{dm}. At a Meeting held at ye Talbot at Hartlebury on Ashwednesday ye 20th of Feb^{ry} 1750 It was then and there agreed by ye Feofees whose hands are underwritten that Mrs Ballard should add two lives in Tinn Fields for ye sum of Six pounds.

At ye same time it was agreed that Mr Moule should have a new Lease of ye Lower Bass at ye Usual Rent.

Will: Williams
John Baker
Robt ffidkin
Thomas Wheeler
Allen Wheeler
Jos: Prattenton

Mem^{dm}. At a Meeting of ye Governors of ye Free Grammer Schoole held ye tenth of Sep^{tr} 1751 at ye School house a lease was granted to Mrs Ballard of Three Closes in Tinn fields in ye parish of Hartlebury for which she paid ye sum of Six pounds.

At ye same time ye money was deposited in ye Comon Box.

Ed: Stillingfleet
John Baker
Will: Williams
Jos: Prattenton
Thomas Wheeler
Allen Wheeler

At a Meeting of the Governours of the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury the fourteenth day of October 1751 We whose Hands are hereunto subscribed have unanimously elected, & do elect the Revd John Waldron, Curate of the Parish of Hampton Lovett, to be Schoolmaster of the said School in the room of the Revd Wm Broughton deceased [1].

Ed: Stillingfleet
John Baker
Jos: Prattenton
Richard Heath
Will: Williams
Thomas Wheeler
Allen Wheeler

Mem. At a Meeting of the Governours on Ashwednesday 12 Feb^{r} 1752 A Lease was sealed to Francis Moule of Elmley of the Nether Base at the Yearly Rent of three pounds & ten shillings to hold for three Lives.

Thomas Wheeler
Jos: Prattenton
Richard Heath
Ed: Stillingfleet
John Baker
Will: Williams
Robt ffidkin
Allen Wheeler

[1] "The Rev. Mr Wm Broughton, Rector of Rushock and Head Master of Hartlebury School, was buried June 14, 1750." (*Hartlebury Register.*)

He was Curate of Hartlebury for nearly 40 years and Master of the School for 42 years.

STATUTES.

March 7th 1565.

Statutes and Ordinaunes made the vijth daie of m'che in the vijth yeare of the reigne of our Sov'eigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England Fraunce and Ireland defendor of the faith etc. by Jhon Harward Jhon Best Will'm Barnesley Thomas Walker Anthony Harward Thomas Best Peter Nott Richard Thatcher Humfrey manninge Frauncis Skiler Will'm Ballard Frauncis Ballard Walter Donne Jhon Hopkies Frauncis Thorne Richard Lircocke and Will'm Wall Governers of the free Gram'er Schole of Quene Elizabeth in Hartlebury in the Countie of Worcester with th'advise and consent of the right reverend father in God Edwine[1] L. Bushoppe of Worcestr As well concerninge the order governaunce and directio' of the Scholemr Vsher and Scholers of the said Schole with the Stipend and Salarie of the said Scholemr and Vsher As also concerninge the order governaunce p'servation and dispoc'on of the rents revenues goods and Lands belonginge to the same Schole to be ordered disposed and appointed as hereafter followeth.

Appointment of Schoolmaster and Usher.

1. Firste that the said Governors by the advise of the said L. Bushoppe shall with all speede electe and chose an apte and hable man in learninge man'ers and discretio' to be Scholemr of the said Schole And in like man'er shall electe and chose one other hable and discreete p'son to be Vsher of the said Schole wch said Scholemr and Vsher shall dailie attend the said Schole vppo' wekedaies in such order as the said L. Bushoppe shall p'scribe to them in articles.

Their duties . . attendance.

2. Item that the said Scholemr and Vsher and either of the shall instructe teache and bringe vppe their Scholars as well in vertue and good learninge (accordinge as the capacities and wittes of the said Scholers shall require and aske) as also shall instruct them in the true knowledge of God and

. . . subjects of instruction.

[1] Sandys.

his holie word as much as in them liethe And further shall exerte and do all such things as to the office of a good Scholem^r and Vsher shall app'teigne and belonge and accordinge to such order as the said L. Bushoppe shall by writinge in Articles p'scribe unto them.

. . . writing and reckoning.

3. Item that the said Scholem^r and Vsher shall at least one after none in everie weeke teache the Scholers of the said Schole to write and cast accompts whereby their hands may be exercised and so they trained to write fair hands & likewise not ignoraunt in reconinge and accomptinge.

Annual meeting of Governors. Appointment of Collectors.

4. Item that yearlie vppon the wedinsdaie com'onlie called Ashewedinsdaie the said Governors shall assemble them selfs at the said Scholehowse and there shall the more number of them chose two discrete sufficie't and hable p'sons of the same Governors to collecte and gather the rents Issues and p'fitts of the lands Tenements and hereditaments appointed and to be appointed for the sustentatio' of the said Schole wch shalbe due the yeare then next followinge.

Salary of Master and Usher.

5. Item that the Collectors of the rents Issues and p'fitts aforesaid for the tyme beinge shall yearlie duringe the tyme of their office Content and paie to the Scholem^r of the same Schole for the tyme beinge for his salarie stipend and wagis the sum'e of x^ll.

quarterlie That is to saie at the feasts of th'annu'ciac'on of blessed Mary the Virgin, the Nativitie of St Jhon the Baptiste, St Michaell th'archaungell and the Nativitie of Christ by even porc'ons And that the said Scholem^r duringe the tyme he shall teache the said Schole shall have to his p'pre vse the mansion howse at the East end of the Church of Hartlebury aforesaid with the yarde Orchard and Close adioyninge with th'app'tenaunes over and besids his said Salarie and wagis And to the vsher of the said Schole for the tyme beinge for his Salarie stipend and wagis the sum'e of quarterlie at the feasts aforesaid by eve' porc'ons.

6. Item that the said Scholem^r and Vsher shall and may have vse and take the p'fitts of all such Cockefights and potations as be comon'lie used in Scholes and such other gifts as shalbe freelie give' them by any the frends of their Scholers over and besids their wagis untill such tyme their Stipend and Salarie may be augmented.

Perquisites of Masters.

7. Item that every yeare once at the least the Collectors of the said rents Issues and p'fitte for the tyme beinge (callinge unto them two or mo'e of the said Governors) shall survey and viewe all the lands Tenements and hereditaments belonginge to the said Schole to see whether there be any streepe[1] spoile or wast incrochments meares[2] or marks cast downe Alienac'ons or exchangs done or com'itted theruppo' and shall inquire of the doers therof and p'sent them to the rest of the said Governors to th'intent that reformac'on may be had in that behalf.

Survey of School property.

8. Item that the said Governers and every of the' for the tyme beinge shall uppon monic'on of the said Collectors or one of them for the tyme beinge assemble them selfs at the said Scholehowse at such daie and tyme as shalbe appointed by the L. Bushoppe of Worcester for the tyme beinge, the said Collectors or one of them for consultac'on to be had for any necessaries or busines concerninge or towchinge the said Scholem^r Vsher or Scholers or any other the lands or things belonginge to the said Schole. And there shall continue in the same assemblie vntill the cause of their com'inge be determined referred or continued over vnlesse there be some lawfull impedime't excuse or cause to the contrarie.

Meeting of Governors at other times.

9. Item that the said Collectors yearlie shall make a true lawfull and p'fitt reconinge and accompt unto the said Governors or the more number of them uppon the Ashewedinsdaie in the end of the yeare That is to witt uppon Ashewedinsdaie next followinge after the election of the said Collectors of all their recepts and paime'ts and shall make undelaied paiment before their dep'ture of all such Sum'es of mony as shall

Collectors' accounts.

[1] Stripping. [2] Boundaries.

remaine in their hands uppon their said accompts unto the said Governors wch at the said accompt shalbe p'n'te so as the saide may remayne in some com'on boxe to be imploied for the further mayntenaunce of the said Schole.

Leases, &c.

10. **Item** that as well every demise and graunt of any Lands teneme'ts or hereditaments belonginge to the said Schole as all and every wod sales and sale of herriots shall be made at Lawfull assemblie of the said governors and not without the consent of the more number of them in one assemblie And every demise and graunt to be made by writinge under the Com'on Seale of the said Governors of any of the said lands & not otherwies.

Leases and alienation, not without consent of Bishop and Governors.

11. **Item** that no leasses graunts or copies alienac'on or exchange of any of the poss'ions lands tenements or hereditame'ts belonginge to the mayntenaunce of the said Schole be alienated or exchanged with owt the consent of the said L. Bushoppe or his Successors for the tyme beinge and the said governors or the more number of them.

Duties of Tenants.

12. **Item** that upon every demise and graunt of any lands Tenements or hereditaments belonging to the said Schole that it be conteyned in every the same demise and graunt that the grauntie or ffermor[1] and their assignes be bound to rep'ac'ons of the howses hedgs and diches and that all woodds and underwoodds uppon any of the said lands (except necessary howsebootc[2] where houses be and heyboote[3] for every fermor or tenaunt) be reserved unto the said Governors with free ingresse and egresse to and for the usinge fallinge havinge and carrienge of the same at all co'venie't tymes.

Limitation of Leases.

13. **Item** that none of the possessions of the said Schole be demised to any p'son otherwise then by Indenture or by Copie of Court rolle and not be any Longer terme than for twentie one yeares or three lives speciallie named

[1] Farmer.

[2] Wood taken by a tenant to repair his house.

[3] Ditto to repair his hedges.

in the said Indenture or Copie, unlesse for greate cause to be considered by the said L. Bushoppe and his successors for the tyme beinge and the said Governors.

14. Item that uppon every demise of any the lands or te'n'ts that belonge or shall be appointed to the said Schole the Tenaunt or fermor shalbe bound by his graunt to sue to the Court of the said Governors as often as it shalbe holden within the p'ishe of Hartlebury aforesaid uppon lawfull Summons and also that every Tenaunt or fermor at his deceasse to paie to the said Governors his best beast for a herriot except it be a small teneme't and yet then such reasonable thinge as shall be agreed uppon by the more p'te of the said governors.

Heriots.

15. Item that from tyme to tyme the said Governors shal appoint some meete man learned to kepe their Court at the said Scholehowse or within the said p'ishe where and when they shall thinke good to th'intent better inquisic'on may be had amonge the Tenaunts of the said Schole of suche wasts spoils or disorders as shall happe' to be done or com'itted wherby the same may be the more easelie reformed.

Court of the Governors.

16. Item that for the p'servac'on of the Evidencs and writings Concerninge the said Schole one stronge Chest or Coffer with four Locks[1] and keyes be p'vided wherin shalbe put and kept all the said writings wch chest shall stand in the vestrie of the p'ishe Church of Hartlebury the doores of wch vestrie shalbe locked with two locks all wch keies shalbe com'itted to the custodie of six of the said Governors to be chosen by the residue.

Chest for evidences.

17. Item that the Com'on Seale of the said Schole be also kept in the said Cheste[2].

Seal.

[1] This has been replaced by a large iron chest with three locks.
[2] It is still kept there.

18. Item that a booke of Register[1] be p'vided and had to be kept in the said Chest wherin shalbe recorded and registered all graunts and Copies, the deceasse of the governors the election of the newe governors and the accompts of the said Collectors.

Register.

19. Item that every governor that herafter shalbe newlie elected and chosen shall receave and take the othe subscribed before he or they shall dep'te at his or their election yf they be p'nte or els before he shall take uppo' him the exercise of the said office wch said othe the governors now being have receaved and taken And every p'son that shall herafter be elected a governor of the said Schole refusinge to take the said othe to be put owt of the said governme't and a new chosen in his rowme.

Oath required of Governors.

20. Item yf any of the said Governors or Collectors shall wilfullie contemne infringe or breake any of the said Statuts and ordinauncs wch concerne them or any of them then he or they so offendinge shall forfaite every of them for his first offence to the said governors to the use of the said Schole the sume of three shilling four pence and for his seconde offence to be dismissed and put owt of the said Corporac'on and government and a newe governor in his stead to be chosen furthwith by the residue of the said Governors.

Penalties for infringement of Statutes by Governors.

M' that all the Governors wch are this daie in place have sworne unto these Statutes and Articles before writte' this xv^th^ daie of m'che A° Regni D'ne Regine Elizabethe etc' undecimo

Ratification.

1569.

ED'[2] WIGORN

[1] The Old Order Book.

[2] Edwin Sandys, afterwards Archbishop of York.

The names of such as be Governors of the free Schole of Hartlebury 1568.

Jhon Harward	Jur.	Thomas Best.	Jur.
Urban Aire	Jur.	Willm Ballard	Jur.
Jhon Best	Jur.	Richard Lircocke	Jur.
Willm Barnesley	Jur.	Humphrey Manninge	
Thomas Walker	Jur.	Richard Thatcher	Jur.
Jhon Hopkies	Jur.	ffrauncis Ballard	
Anthony Harward	Jur.	Willm Wall.	Jur.
ffrauncis Thorne	Jur.	ffrauncis Skeler	Jur.
Richard Best	Jur.	Walter Dunne	Jur.
Humphrey Holmer.		Thomas Holmer	Jur.
John Clent Jurat. xxio die Ap'lis 1572.			
John Best of Chorton	Jur.		
Hughe Willmote	Jur.		
Roger Hill	Jur.		

AN OTHE to be ministred to every one that is chosen to be a Governor of the Quenes Gram'ar Schole in Hartlebury before he be admitted to exercise that office [1].

Yowe shall well and trulie exercise the office of governinge the free gram'ar Schole of Quene Elizabeth in Hartlebury and the lands ten'ts revenewes goods and cattells of the same Schole That is to saie yo' fellowes counsell and yo' owne in matters of Counsell you shall well and trulie kepe you shall not do p'cure or assent to any thinge acte or acts wch in any wiese shalbe hurtfull or p'iudiciall to the saide Schole nor to the wastinge hurtinge decreasinge or diminishinge any of the lands ten'ts hereditaments goods or cattells now used or belonginge or that herafter shalbe used or belonge to the said Schole otherwise then shalbe thought necessarie by the whole Companie of the Governors or the most p'te of them in one assemblie but with all yo' witt cunninge and power you shall defend the rights possessions goods and cattells of the said Schole. And that you shall from tyme to tyme assemble yo' selfs uppon reasonable warninge at the said Schole vnless you have lawfull impedime't for consultac'on of th'order and government of the said Schole and

[1] In the same handwriting as the Statutes.

the lands goods and cattells belonginge to the same. And that you shall make no p'mise or graunte of any demise lease or Bargaine or otherwise of any thinge belonginge to the said Schole to any p'son or p'sons otherwiese the' at a generall assemblie of the said governors or the more number of them in one assemblie shalbe thought mete and for the most como'ditie and advauntage of the saide Schole. And you shalbe conformable and on yo' p'te observe all such Statuts made by the Lord Bushoppe and the Governors for and towchinge the said Schole and the possessions and goods p'teyninge to the same. So helpe you God and by the contents of that booke.

[In modern handwriting.]

AN OATH to be ministered to every one that is chosen to be a Governor of the Queen's Gram'ar School in Hartlebury before he be admitted to exercise that office.

You shall well and truly exercise the office of Governing the Free Gram'ar School of Queen Elizabeth in Hartlebury and the Lands Tenements Revenues Goods & Chattels of the same School (That is to say) Your fellows' counsel and your own in matters of counsel you shall well and truly keep. You shall not do procure or assent to any thing or things Act or Acts which in any ways shall be hurtfull or prejudicial to ye said School nor to ye wasteing hurting decreasing or diminishing any of ye Lands Tenements Hereditaments Goods or Chattels now used or belonging or that hereafter shall be used or belong to ye said school, otherwise than shall be thought necessary by ye whole company of ye governors or ye most part of them in one Assembly, but with all your wit cunning and power you shall defend the rights possessions goods and chattels of ye said School. And that you shall from time to time assemble yourselves upon reasonable warning at ye said Schoole (unless you have lawfull Impediment) for consulting of ye order and government of ye said School and the Lands Goods and Chattels belonging to the same. And that you shall make no promise or grant of any Demise, Lease or Bargain, or otherwise of anything belonging to the said School to any Person or Persons otherwise than at a general Assembly of the said governors or the more number of them in one Assembly shall be thought well and for

ye most com'odity and advantage of ye said School. And you shall be conformable and on your part observe all such statutes made by ye Lord Bishop and ye Governors for and touching ye s^d School and the possessions and goods pertaining to ye same. So help you God and by ye contents of that Book.

22° die ffebr. 1614.

The greater p'te of the ffeoffees whose names do follow (the day and yeare aforesaid) to the end all differences may be avoided betwixt Thomas Harward and his brother John Harward doe order in mann^r and forme followinge by the consente of booth p'ties who voluntarely submitted themselves to their said order viz: Thomas Harward is to enioye the Inne wth all lands wth th'appurtenaunces upon it his possession wherin he now dwelleth for the tearme of vi yeares to com to begin at the ffeast of Xp^tmas last past and to paye yearly to his said Brother John Harward during all the said tearme the some of fower pounds of coraunt englishe money quarterlie to maintaine three children beinge his half Sisters wth necesarie meate drinke and app'ell during all the said tearme And to sett all the said houseinge in sufficient repaire and soe to maintain the same during the tearme abovesaid And further to appoint to his said Brother on Chamber where he now lyeth wth a bedd furnished during the said tearme wch shalbe then lese him And that John Thacher Collector Ed. Ayre Anthony Drought William Best Humphry Hopkins Humphry Pooler and Thomas Best are appointed to view the decayes of the said houseinge and to appoint Timber for the necesary reparac'on thereof wch said reparac'ons are to be donne if the said ffeoffees shall thinke fitt w'hin the tearme of three yeares next ensueinge.

James Button gent	John Lircocke
Ed. Ayre	John Manninge
William Best	Humfry Hopkyns
John Thacher	John Ballard
Tho. Best	Thomas Best
John Clent	William Wheeler
Humpry Pooler	Xpristofer ffytkyn

1599. The names of those wch be Gov^r^noures of the fre Gramer Scole and possessions Revenues and goodes of the fre Gramer Scole of Queene Elizabeth in Hartilbury in the Countie of Worcester 1559.

John Harward	Jur.	John Hopkies	Jur.
John Best of Waresley	Jur.	Humfrey Man'inge	Jur.
Walter Barnesley	Jur.	Richard Lircok	Jur.
John Walker	Jur.	John Man'inge of Goldnes	
Thom's Walker	Jur.	William ballard	Jur.
ffrauncis Thorne	Jur.	Peter Nott	Jur.
Anthony Harward	Jur.	Thom's Best	Jur.
Humfrey Holmer	Jur.	ffrauncis Skiler sen^r^	Jur.
Hugh Harris		Walter Donne	Jur.
Thom's fytkyn		Henry Hanbury	

ix^o^ Die Januarij A^o^ ij^o^ R. Elizabeth.

m^d^ q Henricus Hanbury recusavit exercere offici'm gub^r^nat. libere scole p^r^dict. i'o[1] Ric'us Thatcher elect' est in loco suo et Jur.

It'm Thom's fitkyn mortuus est et ffrauncescus Ballard elect' est in loco suo et Jur.

xxix^o^ Die Januarii A^o^ R. p'd'.

It'm q^d^ Joh'es Walker mortuus est et q^d^ Will'us Wall elect' est in loco suo et Jur.

It'm q^d^ Hugo Harris mortuus est et q^d^ Thom's Holmer elect' est in loco suo et Jur.

Johe's Manyng de Goldnes mortuus est et Ric'us Best elect' est in loco suo xii Die Maii 1562, Jur.

ix^o^ die Marcii Anno R. Elizabethe undecimo.

Petrus Not mortuues est et Henricus Hanbury qui ante hac recusavit exercere offic'm gubernat' in loco. Ric'us Thatcher elect' fuit modo p^r^dictus Henricus Hanbury iter'm recusavit et Urbanus Ayer elect' est in loco suo.

M^d^ q^d^ Ric'us Lircocke recusavit exercere offic'm gubernat' libere scole p'dict. i'o Joh'es ffitkyn electus est in loco suo.

[1] Ideo.

THE DATES of all the ffeofments belonging to the ffree Gramer Scoole of Hartlebury taken the 18th of September 1607.

[1479.] 1. A ffeofmt from Richard Atwall to Mr William Moggs[1] p'sonne of Hartlebury and others in Aprill 19o Edward 4th.

[1500.] 2. One other ffeofmt from Will. Harward Parchy & others to Robarte Inckborowe 1 Apr. 15 Henr. 7.

[1503.] 3. One other ffeofmt from Roberte Inckborowe p'sonne of Hartlebury[2] to Tho. Smyth Hyde & others 3o Octobr 19 : H : 7.

[1529.] 4. One other ffeofmt from Tho: Ballard William Skiler William Harte & Tho. Best to Richard Walker & others xo Die ffebruarii xxo Henr. octavi.

[1581.] 5. One other ffeofmt from William Wall John Clent senr and others to James Younge Gent 3o ffebruarii 23o Elizh.

[1581.] 6. One other ffeofmt from Mr James Younge to Urbane Ayre gent William Barnesley & others 4o ffebruarii 23o Eliz.

[This last document is the only one in the above list that is now in the possession of the Governors. The Tinnfields deed of 1480 does not appear in the List.]

1604. The Keyes of the Evidence Chest.

One in the hands of

Urbane Ayer
Jhon Clent sen.
Humfrey Maninge
Jhon Maninge of Stowersyde
& Thomas Best

[1] William Moggis was twice Rector of Hartlebury; and also Archdeacon of Stafford.

[2] There was no *Rector* of his name. He was probably chaplain of Hartlebury.

APPENDIX I.

THE CHARTER.

20th MAY. 1st OF ELIZABETH (1559).

Beautifully written on thick parchment (30¼ × 21 in.), with the privy Seal of England in green wax (attached by black and white (?) cord), of which part only remains. In the initial E (7½ in. high) is a pen drawing, with brush shading, of the Queen sitting enthroned with orb and sceptre under a canopy on which is written VIVAT REGINA. The head-line is in large letters with highly ornamented initials, and much ornamentation, comprising St. George's Cross enclosed by the Garter, Lion holding Fleur-de-lys banner, &c. A splendid work of penmanship [1].

ELIZABETH Dei gratia Anglie, Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei Denfensor &c'. Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint. Salutem.

Sciatis q^d nos ad humilem peticionem tam Inhabitancium ville et p'ochie de Hartilbury in Comitatu Wigorn' q'am aliorum quam plurimorum Subditorum n'rorum tocius patrie ibidem vicine nobis pro scola gramaticali ibidem erigend' et stabiliend' pro institucione et instruccione pueror' et Juvenum De gratia n'ra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu n'ris necnon de advisamento Consilii n'ri volumus concedimus et ordinamus qd cum quedam Scola Gramaticalis modo est et antehac usa fuit in dicta villa de Hartilbury per spacium diversorum annorum preteriorum que pro defectu fundacionis necessar' et bone gubernacionis paru' commodi inde attulit ideo de cetero eadem Scola in dicta villa de Hartilbury sit et erit vna scola gramaticalis que vocabitur libera schola gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth pro educacione instituc'o'e et instruccione puerorum et Juvenum in grammatica perpetuis temporibus futuris duratur'.

Ac scolam illam de vno Magistro seu Pedagogo ac vno Subpedagogo sive hipodidasculo pro perpetuo continuatur' erigimus creamus ordinam' et fundamus per presentes.

Et ut intencio n'ra predicta meliorem capiat effectum et ut

[1] I am indebted to Rev. R. A. Wilson, Vicar of Hints, for the transcription of the Charter, and for this description of it.

terras tenementa redditus revenciones et alia ad sustentacionem scole predicte concedend' assignand' et appunctuand' melius gubernentur pro continuacione eiusdem volumus et ordinamus qd decetero imperpetuum sint et erunt infra villam et parochiam de Hartilbury predict' viginti homines de discretioribus et magis probrioribus Inhabitantibus earundem ville et parochie pro tempore existen' qui erunt et vocabuntur Gubernatores dicte Scole ac possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte Scole vulgariter vocat' et vocand' libere scole gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Hartilbury in dicto Comitatu Wigorn'.

Et ideo Sciatis qd nos assignamus elegimus nominamus et constituimus ac per presentes assignamus eligimus nominamus et constituimus Dilectos nobis Johannem Harewarde Johannem Best de Waresley Will'm Barnysley Johannem Walker Thomam Walker Franciscum Thorne Thomam Fitkyn' Anthonium Hareward Humfridum Holmer Hugonem Harris Johannem Hopkyes Humfridum Mannyng Ric'm Lircok Johannem Mannyng de Goldnes Will'm Ballard Petrum Nott Thomam Best de Waresley Franciscum Skyler seniorem Walterum Donne et Henricum Hanbury Inhabitantes dict' ville et parochie de Hartilbury fore et esse primos et modernos Gubernatores dicte Scole ac possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte libere Scole gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Hartilbury in Comitatu Wigorn' ad idem officium et auctoritatem bene et fideliter exercend' et occupand' a dat' presentium durante vita eorum.

Et qd iidem Gubernatores in re facto et nomine de cetero sint et erunt unum corpus corporatum et politiquum de se imperpetuum per nomen Gubernatorum libere scole gramaticalis ac possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere Scole gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Hartilbury in Comitatu Wigorn' incorporat' et erect' Ac ip'os Gubernatores libere Scole Gramaticalis possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere Scole gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Hartilbury in Comitatu Wigorn' per presentes incorporamus ac corpus corporatum et politiquum per idem nomen imperpetuum duratur' cealiter et ad plenum creamus erigimus ordinamus facimus et constituimus per presentes.

Et Volumus et per presentes ordinamus et concedimus qd iidem Gubernatores libere Scole gramaticalis ac possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere Scole gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth

in Hartilbury in Comitatu Wigorn' habeant successionem perpetuam et per idem nomen sint et erunt persone habiles et in lege capaces ad habend' et recipiend' terras tenementa possessiones revenciones hereditamenta quecunq' de nobis sive de aliqua alia persona seu aliis personis quibuscumq' Dummodo non excedant clarum annuum valorem triginta librarum.

Et Ordinamus et decremus per presentes qd quandocumq' contigerit aliquem vel aliquos dictorum viginti Gubernatorum pro tempore existen' mori vel extra villam et parochiam de Hartilbury predict' inhabitare aut cum familia sua decedere qd tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit aliis dictorum Gubernatorum superviventibus et ibidem cum familiis suis commorantibus vel maiori parti eorundem aliam idoneam p'sonam ac alias idoneas p'sonas ad perimplend' numerum predictum de Inhabitantibus ville et parochie de Hartilbury predict' pro tempore existen' in locum vel locis sic morientis vel morientium aut cum familia sua sic ut prefertur decendentis vel decendentium in dicto officio et auctoritate Gubernatorum successorum eligere et nominare et tociens quociens casus sic acciderit.

Et ulterius volumus ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus n'ris per presentes concedimus prefatis Gubernatoribus et successoribus suis quod decetero imperpetuum habeant Commune Sigillum ad negocia sua qualitercumq' premissa tangen' seu concernen' decernitur'. Et qd ip'i Gubernatores per nomen Gubernatorum libere scole gramaticalis ac possessionum reventionum et bonorum ibere scole Gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Hartilbury in Com' Wigorn' placitari possunt et implacitari defendere et defendi respondere et respondi in quibusdam Curiis et locis et coram quibuscumq' judicibus in quibuscumq' causis accionibus negociis sectis querelis placitis et demandis cuiuscumq' nature seu condicionis fuerunt premissa et cetera subscripta aut aliquem inde parcell' aut pro aliquibus offensis transgressionibus rebus causis vel materiis p' aliquas p'sonas seu aliquam p'sonam fact' sive perpetrat' aut' fiend' sive perpetrand' in vel super premissis aut aliqua inde parcella aut aliquod in presentibus specificat' tangen' sive concernen'.

Et ulterius de uberior' gratia n'ra ac ex certa scientia et mero motu n'ris necnon de avisamento predicto dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus et Successoribus suis ac maiori parti eorundem plenam potestatem et auctoritatem nominandi et appunctuandi Pedagogum

et Subpedagogum Scole predicte modo et infuturo tociens quociens eadem Scola de Pedagogo et Subpedagogo vacua fuerunt. Et qd ip'i Gubernatores cum advisamento Epi' Wigorn' pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus faciant et facere valeant et possint salubria statuta et Ordinaciones in scriptis concernen' et tangen' ordinem gubernacionem et direccionem Pedagogi et Subpedagogi ac Scholarium Scole predicte pro tempore existen' ac stipendii et salarii eorundem Pedagogi et Subpedagogi ac alia eandem Scolam ac ordinacionem gubernacionem preservationem et disposicionem reddit' et revencionum ad sustentacionem eiusdem Scole appunct' et appunctuand' tangen' et concernen' Quequidem statuta et ordinac'o'es sic fiend' volumus concedimus et per presentes precipimus inviolabiliter observari de tempore in tempus imperpetuum.

Et Ulterius de amplior' gracia n'ra et de avisamento predict' dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus predicte Scole gramaticalis ac possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte libere Scole Gramaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Hartilbury predict' et successoribus suis licentiam specialem liberamq' et licitam facultatem potestatem et auctoritatem habendi recipiendi et perquirendi eis et eorum Successoribus imperpetuum tam de nobis heredibus vel successoribus n'ris q'am de aliis quibuscumq' personis et alia persona quacumq' Maneria messuagia terras tenementa rectorias decimas et alia hereditamenta quecumq' infra Regnum Anglie aut alibi infra Dominaciones n'ras ad clarum anuum valorem quemcumq' Dummodo non excedant clarum annum valorem triginta librarum prefatis Gubernatoribus et successoribus suis Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponend' aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione seu promissione aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumq' in contrarium inde edit' habit' fact' ordinat' seu provis' in aliqu[o] non obstant'.

Et Volumus [et] per presentes concedimus prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus qd habeant et habebunt has litteras n'ras patentes sub magno Sigillo n'ro Anglie debit' fact' et sigillat' absq' fine seu feodo magno vel parvo nobis in Hanaperio[1] n'ro seu alibi ad usum n'rum proinde quoquomodo reddend' solvend' vel faciend'.

[1] Hanaper, a department of chancery where fees were paid when decrees were enrolled.

Eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum sive eorum alicuius aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem Progenitorum n'rorum prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus predicte libere Scole gramatical' ante hec tempora fact' in presentibus minime fact' existit aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione promissione sive restriccione inde incontrarium ante hac habit' fact' edit' ordinat' seu provis' aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumq' in aliquo non obstant'.

In cuius rei testimonium has litteras n'ras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ip'a apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Maii Anno Anno regni n'ri Primo.

per b're de privato sigillo et de dat' predict' auctoritate parliamenti.

CORDELL.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE CHARTER[1].

ELIZABETH, by the grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye, that we, at the humble petition as well of the inhabitants of the town and parish of Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester, as also of many others our subjects of all parts of the country thereby adjoining, to us, for a Grammar School there to be erected and established for the institution and instruction of children and youth, of our special grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, by the advice of our council, we will, grant, and ordain, that whereas a certain Grammar School now is and heretofore hath been used in the said town of Hartlebury by the space of divers years past, which for default of necessary foundation and good government hath brought but small commodity; therefore from henceforth let the same School be in the said town of Hartlebury, and there shall be a Grammar School which shall be called the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, for education, institution, and instruction of children and youth in grammar, for ever hereafter to continue. And the same School, of one master or schoolmaster, and one undermaster or usher, for ever to continue, we do erect, create, ordain,

[1] This Translation was published along with the Statutes in 1829.

and found by these presents. And that our intentions aforesaid may take the better effect, and that the lands, tenements, rents, revenues, and other things to the sustentation of the School aforesaid to be granted, assigned, and appointed, may be the better governed, for the continuing of the same, we will and ordain, that from henceforth for ever there be and shall be, within the town and parish of Hartlebury, twenty men of the more discreet and more substantial inhabitants of the same town and parish, for the time being, who shall be, and shall be called, governors of the said School, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said School, commonly called, and to be called, the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury, in the said county of Worcester. And therefore know, that we have assigned, chosen, named, and constituted, and by these presents we do assign, choose, name, and constitute our well-beloved John Harward, John Best of Waresley, William Barnesley, John Walker, Thomas Walker, Francis Thorne, Thomas Fitkin, Anthony Harward, Humphrey Holmore, Hugh Harris, John Hopkins, Humphrey Manning, Richard Lircock, John Manning of Goldness, William Ballard, Peter Nott, Thomas Best of Waresley, Francis Skeler the elder, Walter Dunne, and Henry Hanbury, inhabitants of the said town and parish of Hartlebury, who shall be, and are to be, the first and present governors of the said school, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury, in the said county of Worcester, well and faithfully to exercise and occupy the said office and authority from the date of these presents, during their lives. And that the same governors in substance, fact, and name, from henceforth be, and shall be, a body corporate and politic of themselves for ever, by the name of governors of the Free Grammar School, and possessions, revenues, and goods of the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester, incorporated and erected: And them, governors of the Free Grammar School, of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester, We do, by these presents, incorporate, and do really and fully create, erect, ordain, make, and constitute a body corporate and politic, by the same name, to continue for ever. And we will, and by these presents ordain and grant, that the same governors of the Free

Grammar School, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester, may have succession perpetual, and by the same name be, and shall be, persons able and capable in the law to have and receive lands, tenements, possessions, revenues, and hereditaments whatsoever, of us, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, so that they do not exceed the clear yearly value of thirty pounds. And we ordain and decree by these presents, that whensoever it shall happen that any one or more of the said twenty governors, for the time being, do die, or out of the town or parish of Hartlebury aforesaid do dwell, or with their household do depart, that then and so often it may and shall be lawful to others of the said governors surviving, and there with their families dwelling, or to the greater part of them, another fit person or other fit persons to make up the number aforesaid, out of the inhabitants of the town and parish of Hartlebury aforesaid, for the time being, into the place or places of the persons so dying and going away with their household, so as is aforesaid, into the said office or authority of governors to succeed, to choose, and name, as often as the case shall so happen. And furthermore we will, and for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents do grant to the aforesaid governors and their successors, that from henceforth for ever they may have a common seal to serve them for their business whatsoever, touching or concerning the premises; and that the same governors, by the name of governors of the Free Grammar School, and of the revenues, possessions, and goods of the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester, may be impleaded and implead, defended and defend, answer and to be answered, in any courts and places, and before any judges whatever, in any causes, actions, business, suits, pleas, plaints, or demands, of what nature or condition may be the premises, and other things underwritten, or any parcel hereof, or for any offences, trespasses, things, causes, or matters, by any person or persons done or committed, or to be done or committed, upon the premises, or any parcel thereof, or touching or concerning any thing in these presents specified. And further, of our more plentiful grace, and out of our certain knowledge and mere motion, and also by the advice aforesaid, we have given and granted, and by these presents we do give and grant, to the aforesaid new governors and their

successors, and to the greater part of them, full power and authority to name and appoint a schoolmaster and usher of the School aforesaid, now and hereafter, as often as the same School shall be void of a schoolmaster and usher: and that they, the said governors, with the advice of the Bishop of Worcester for the time being, from time to time, shall and may make wholesome statutes and ordinances in writing, concerning and touching the order, government and direction of the schoolmaster and usher, and of the scholars of the School aforesaid, for the time being, and of the stipend and wages of the same schoolmaster and usher, and all other things concerning and touching the same School, and the ordination, government and preservation, and disposition of the rents and revenues appointed, and to be appointed, to the sustentation of the same School; which said statutes and ordinances so to be made we will, grant, and by these presents command to be inviolably observed from time to time for ever. And further, of our more ample grace, and by advisement aforesaid, we have made, given, and granted, and by these presents do give and grant to the aforesaid new governors of the Free Grammar School, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, in Hartlebury aforesaid, and to their successors, special license and free and lawful leave, power, and authority, to have, receive, and purchase, to them and their successors for ever, as well of us, our heirs, successors, or any other person or persons whatsoever, manors, messuages, tenements, rectories, tithes, and any other hereditaments whatsoever, within the realm of England, or elsewhere within our dominions, to any clear yearly value whatsoever, so that they do not exceed the clear yearly value of thirty pounds to the aforesaid governors and their successors; the statute of mortmain, or any other statute, act, ordination, or provision, or any other cause or matter whatsoever to the contrary hereof, published, put forth, had, made, ordained, or provided in any wise notwithstanding. And we will, and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid new governors, that they may and shall have these our letters patent under our great seal of England, duly made and sealed, without any fine or fee, great or small, to us, in our hanaper, or any other place, to our use, therefore, in any wise to be rendered, paid, or done for that express mention, of the true yearly value, or of the certainty of the premises, or of any of them,

or of other gifts or grants by us, or any of our progenitors, to the aforesaid new governors of the aforesaid Free Grammar School, heretofore made, in these presents freely made, appears, or any statute, act, ordination, provision, or restraint thereof, to the contrary before this time had, made, put forth, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness ourself, at Westminster, the 20th day of May, in the first year of our reign (by a writ of Privy Seal, and of the date aforesaid, by authority of Parliament).

CORDELL.

APPENDIX II.

THE OLDEST DEED.

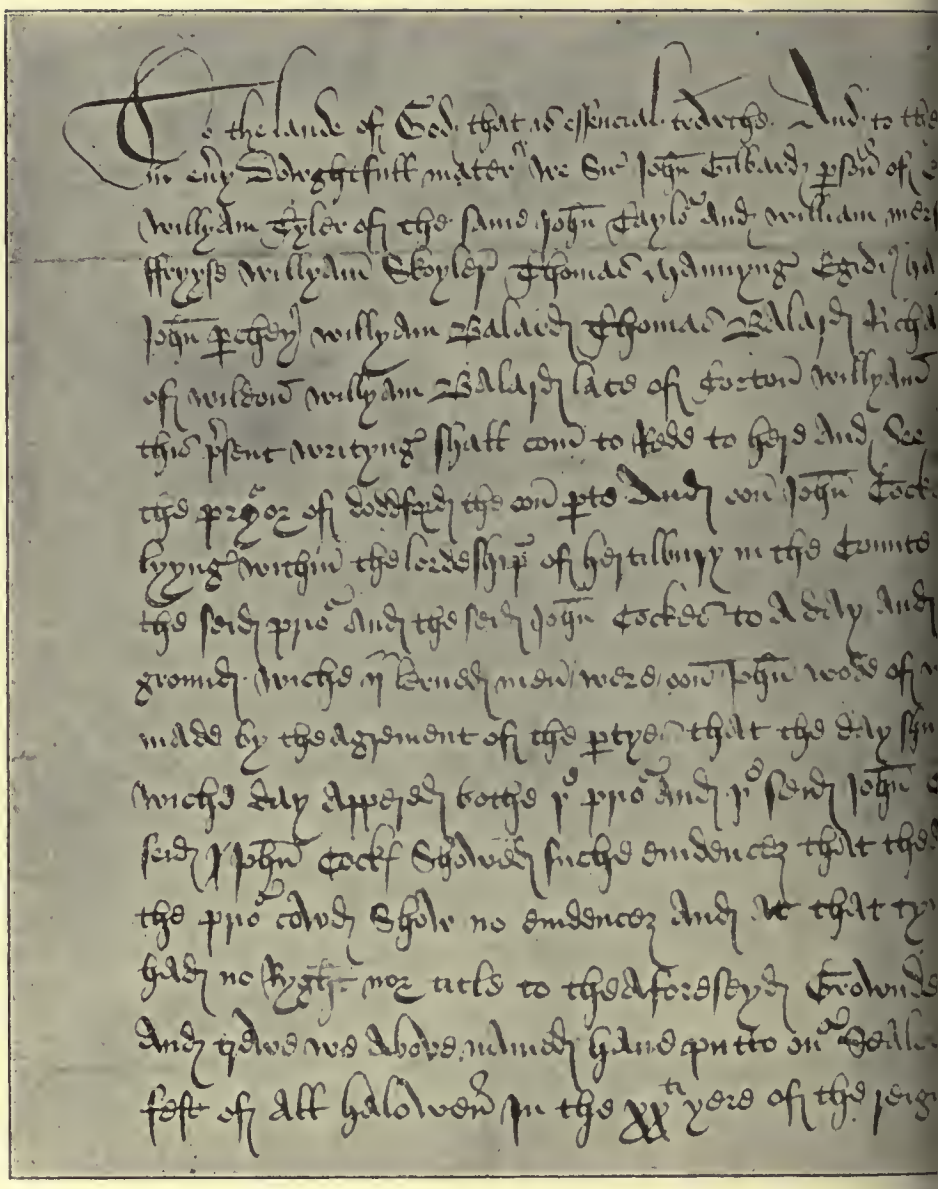
WRITTEN clearly in English on thin parchment (11 × 10 in.), with 5 strips for seals attached (see vignette to face p. iv), each of which once had from 4 to 6 seals, but the greater part are now gone.

To the laude of God that is essencial trewthe, and to the repression of untrewthe, and the rather that the trewthe may be knowen in any dowghtfull matters, WE Sir John Gilbard parson of Elmeley [1], John Bartelem' late Baly of the same, Harry Taylor of the same, Willyam Tyler of the same, John Taylor and William Merston of the same, John Best of Norchard [2], John Best of Waseley [2], Jenk ffryyse, Willyam Skoyler, Thomas Mannyng, Egidi' Harper, Hugh Lylly, John Lylly, Phelip Hogges, John Stokewall, Willyam Baly, John Perchey, Willyam Balard, Thomas Balard, Richard Balard, Richard Palmer, Hugh Willemot, Rawlyn Hert, Willyam of Wildon [2], Willyam Balard late of Torton [2], William Hareward and William Holmer, to all trewe cristen men to whom this present writyng shall com to Rede, to here and See, TESTIFYE and RECORD that there was a grett variaunce betwene the Pryor of Doddford [3] the oon parte and oon John Cockes the elder upon the o[the]r parte of and in a certen ground called Tendefelds (Tinfields), lyyng within the lordship of Hertilbury, in the counte of Worcet, upon the wiche variaunce there was labor made to put the said prior and the said John Cockes to a day, and to chose ii lerned men to determine who has Right to the aforesaid ground—which ii lerned men were oon John Wode of Worcet, and oon Colard of Bewdeley—and the apoyntement was made by the agrement of

Elmley Lovett.

[2] A hamlet of Hartlebury.

[3] Dodford, between Chaddesley Corbett and Bromsgrove, a Priory of the Premonstratensian Order, founded by K. Henry I. about 1184, as a cell to the Abbey of Hales Owen. The last Prior, Thomas Typton, was elected 1463. Probably he is the Prior referred to in the Deed.



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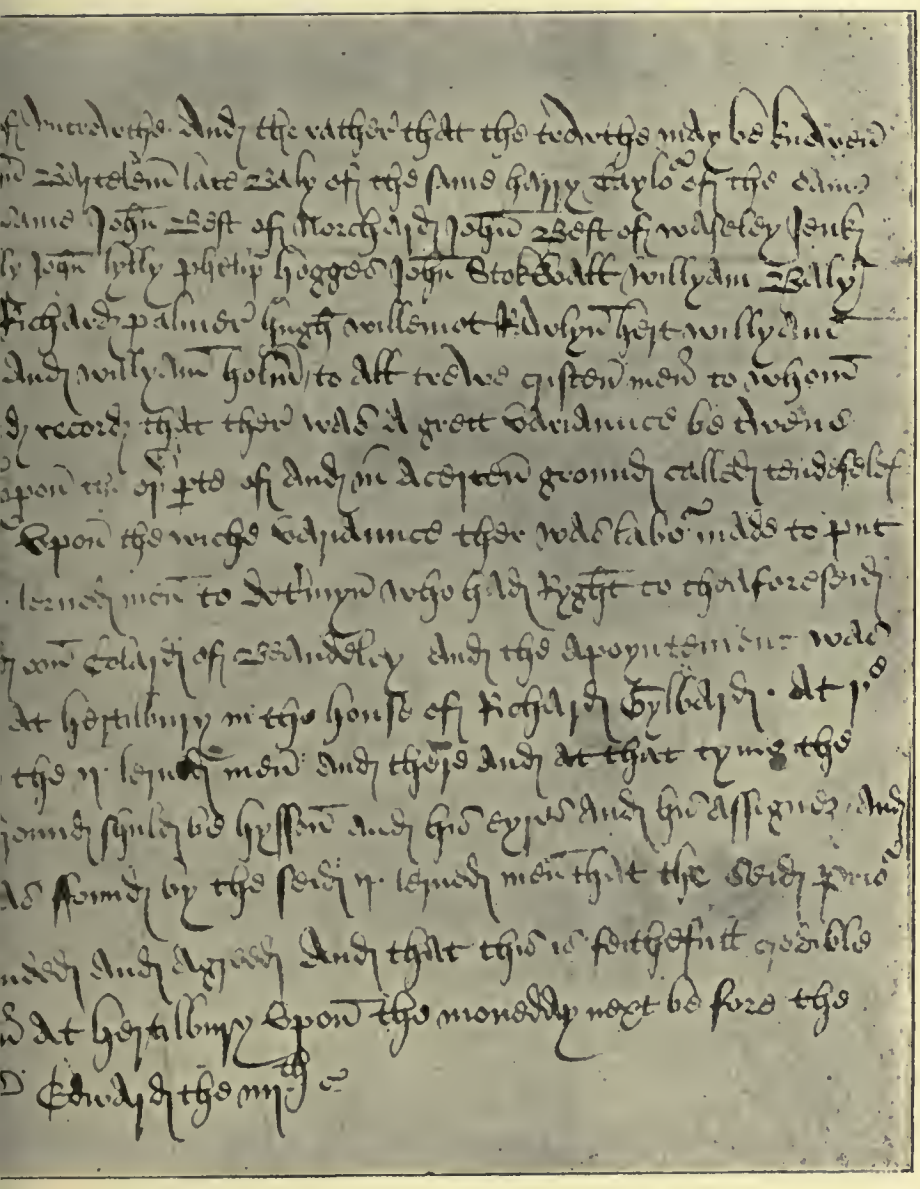

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sion of the Governors.

the partyes that the day shuld be held at Hertilbury, in the house of Richard Gylbard. At the wiche day appered bothe the prior, and the seid John Cockes, and the ii learned men. And there and at that tyme the said John Cockes showed such evidences that the aforesaid ground should be hyssen [1], and his eyres and his assignes. And the prior could show no evidences. And at that tyme hit was found by the seid ii lerned men that the seid prior had NO RIGHT nor title to the aforesaid Ground.

And so ended and agreed. And that this is faithefull, credible, and trewe WE above named have put to our seales.

Wreten at Hertilbury upon the Moneday next before the Fest of All Halowen' in the xxth year of the reign of King Edward IV. [Oct. 30th, 1480.]

[1] It is interesting to trace this colloquial expression so far back as 1480.

APPENDIX III.

ARCHBISHOP SANDYS,

75th Bishop of Worcester (the first married Bishop), lived at Hartlebury Castle for 12 years. Six of his children were born there.

He built the Tower of the Parish Church, and his arms are upon it. He did the same at Hawkeshead in Lancashire, his native place. He also built and endowed a grammar school there, at which William Wordsworth and his brother, the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, were educated, and to this school he left his large theological library. In an old chest are still preserved, as at Hartlebury, the Charter and other deeds, and the school seal, upon which is engraved a pedagogue with uplifted birch!

The Archbishop wrote the following prayer for the scholars:—

"Most mighty God and merciful Father, we sinners by nature, "yet Thy children by grace, here prostrate before Thy Divine "Majesty, acknowledge our corruption in nature by reason of our "sins to be such, that we are not able of ourselves to think one "good thought, much less able to profit in good learning and "literature, and to come to the knowledge of Thy Son Jesus Christ "our Saviour, except it shall please Thee, of Thy great grace and "goodness, to illuminate our understandings, to strengthen our "feeble memories, to instruct us by Thy Holy Spirit, and so to "pour upon us Thy good gifts of grace, that we may learn to know, "and know to practise those things in these our studies, that "most may tend to the glory of Thy Name, to the profit of Thy "Church, and to the performance of our Christian duties. Hear "us, O God, and grant these our petitions, and bless our studies, "O Heavenly Father, for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, in whose "Name we call upon Thee, and say,

"Our Father, &c."

APPENDIX IV.

WAGES AND PRICES.

THERE seems to have been no great difference in the WAGES of workmen throughout the West and East of England in the days of Q. Elizabeth. In Hartlebury (according to the Old Order Book) the skilled workman got as much as 1*s.* a day, and the labourer 7*d.*

In Worcester it was much the same, as appears from the Churchwardens' Accounts at S. Michael's, Worcester (Worc. Hist. Soc.); and in the Eastern Counties likewise, as appears from the accounts of the Wardens of Market Deeping in South Lincolnshire.

PRICES of articles varied more in town and country.

Lime, for example, was sold at Hartlebury and in Lincolnshire for 6*d.* a bushel, while in the city of Worcester it only fetched 3*d.*

Glass seems to have been dear everywhere.

From the Old Order Book we gather that in those days bricks cost 13*s.* 4*d.* a 1,000, a bottle of wine 1*s.* 3*d.*, a quarter of veal 1*s.* 10*d.*

It is difficult to ascertain from the Book the value of land, because the details of the Rent Roll are seldom given. But some information may be gathered here and there.

The Chantry Meadow, which lies near the river Stour, contains about 4½ acres. In 1561 it was let for 11*s.* a year—rather more than 2*s.* an acre,—while another field belonging to the school, probably *not* meadow-land, called Spout field, was let for only 3*d.* an acre.

At Market Deeping in South Lincolnshire the best land let for 12*s.* an acre, and the worst for 4*s.* 6*d.*

APPENDIX V.

HEAD MASTERS[1].

Rev. Hughe Graunte, M.A.	1559
„ John Hareward	1560
„ — Joyner	1572
„ — Cole	1599
„ John Elly, M.A., Curate of Hartlebury	1599
„ Edward Best, Curate of Hartlebury and Rector of Elmley Lovett	1605
„ John Marshall, Curate of Hartlebury	1620
„ Timothy Bromley ("expelled and excluded")	1629
„ John Best, M.A.	1645
„ Thomas Soley	1654
„ Walter Abbot, Rector of Dowles	1672
„ Francis Pierce	1684
„ John Perks, M.A., Curate of Hartlebury	1701
„ George Vernon, M.A.	1704
„ John Wells, M.A., Curate of Hartlebury	1706
„ William Broughton, Curate of Hartlebury and Rector of Rushock	1716
„ John Waldron, M.A., Rector of Hampton Lovett	1751

„ Edward Waldron	1784
„ John Harward	1808
Vacant	1841
„ Edward Firmstone, M.A., afterwards Rector of Wyke	1852
„ John Walker Lee	1855
„ William Maitland Clark, M.A., afterwards Rector of St. Laurence, Winchester	1874
„ Thomas Wright Greenall, M.A., afterwards Vicar of Overton	1879
Ernest William Hopewell, B.A.	1890

[1] The dates of the early Masters are given with as much accuracy as is possible.

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